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Some New Tools by the Pratt & Whitney Company.

The manufacture of articles having interchangeable parts has developed in this country an industry which was almost unreamed of by the last generation of machinists. There are many men alive to-day who remember the time when the idea of making guns that could be assembled at random without fitting, from piles of the separate parts, was scouted and laughed at. But guns are made in this way, and within a comparatively recent time foreign countries have come to America for the tools with which to manufacture their small arms.

From government workshops the idea soon spread into the various branches of industry. Had the sewing machine been invented before this system of manufacturing was established, instead of afterward, its successful introduction would have been an impossibility. The fine tools required for this class of work has given American manufactures a high reputation all over the world.

This week we illustrate some tools belonging to this class from the Pratt &

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The Double Connection Power Press is a very powerful machine, capable of overcoming a resistance of 400,000 pounds, and is suitable for

compared with 1873, and 165,145 tons as compared with 1872. Notwithstanding this decrease, the production in 1874 was much larger than has been generally anticipated—much larger even than partial returns made to the Association at the close of 1874 indicated. This unexpected result is, however, susceptible of a satisfactory explanation. As preliminary to this explanation we give the following statistical resume:

Years.	No. of furnaces Jan. 1st.	No. of furnaces built during the year.	Total number of furnaces Dec. 31st.	Out of blast Dec. 31st.	In blast Dec. 31st.	Production of pig iron in net tons.
1872.....	574*	41	615	115†	500	2,854,558
1873.....	615	50	665	232	433	2,868,278
1874.....	665†	38	703	336	365	2,689,413

In 1872 there was every inducement for furnace owners to make all the iron that was possible, for prices were high and the demand was constant; hence the hitherto unexampled yield of that year, 2,854,558 tons. In 1873 a number of large new furnaces, built in that year and in 1872, went into blast, and during the first half of the year greatly augmented the production

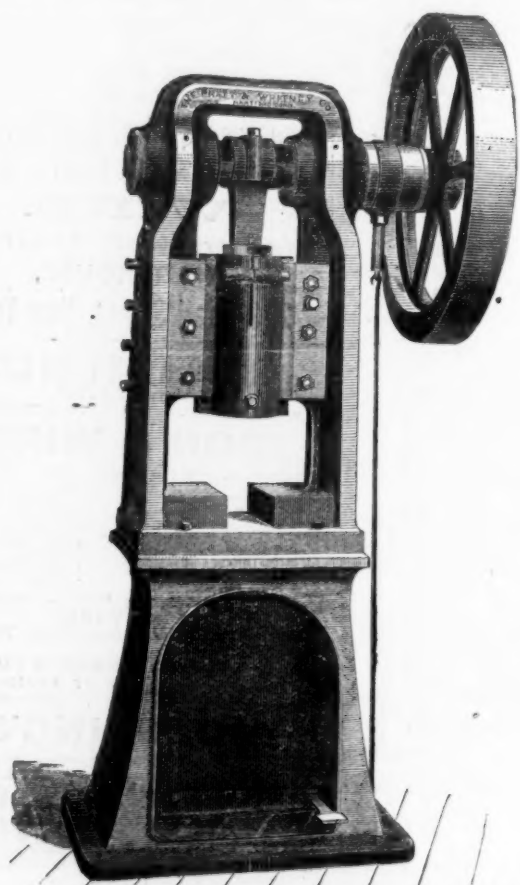
gan the agitation of the policy of still further restricting production by means of a definite system which should aim at an equitable division of the trade. This agitation proved fruitless, but while it was pending very few furnaces were blown out, while fully as many others, some of which were new, were blown in. It was not until near the close of the year that a general determination to blow out furnaces was reached, and when the year closed, of 701 furnaces then completed, 336 were out of blast and 365 were in blast. The production of the year was 2,689,413 tons, or 178,865 tons less than the product of 1873.

When we consider that the furnaces which made 2,854,558 tons of iron in 1872 were mostly small, and, owing to the excitement and recklessness of those days, not so managed as to produce the best results; when we consider that the lessened number of furnaces which made 2,689,278 tons in 1873 included all the large and improved new furnaces; and when we consider that there were almost as many furnaces in blast in 1874 as in 1873, that as a rule the best furnaces in the country were running in 1874 while the poorest stood idle, and

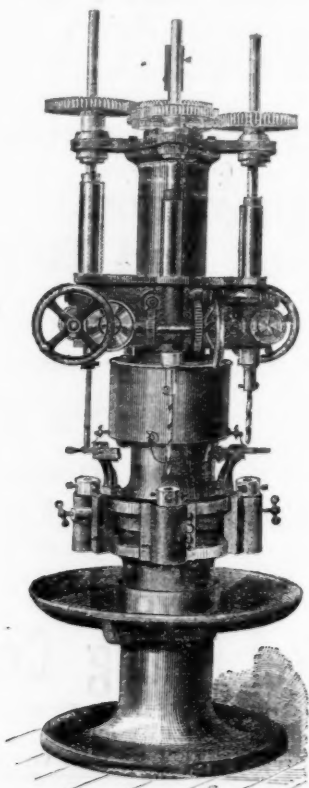
tion in 1874 and the quantity of iron unsold at the close of the year. We should have had prompt returns, which would have enabled us to make in January a statement that would have given a clear insight into the condition of the iron trade at that time. But we have had to wait five months for this information, and the country has had to wait for it. Valuable as it is to day, it would have been tenfold as valuable five months ago, for then pig iron makers would have been able to forecast the future with a clearer vision than was otherwise possible.

On the 1st of February, 1874, of 701 completed furnace stacks in the country, there were in blast 303 stacks and out of blast 398 stacks. Sixty-two furnaces were blown out in January. These figures indicate the lowest degree of depression reached since the panic up to that date. Since February 1st the number of furnaces out of blast has been slightly increased.

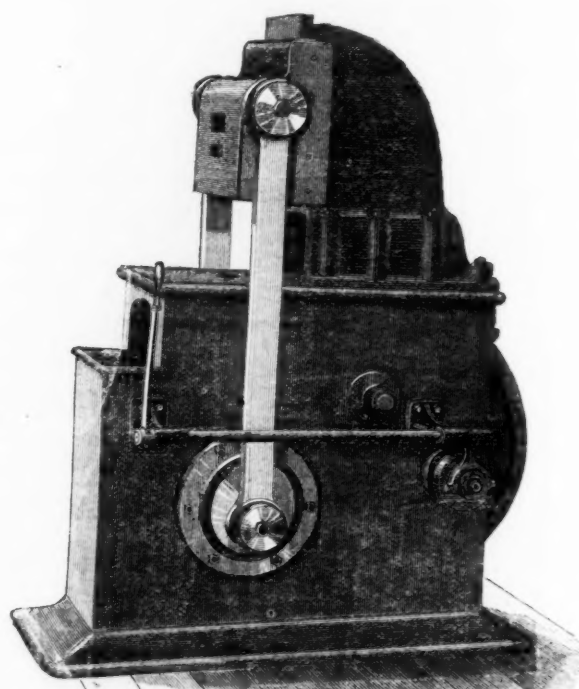
The number of new furnaces completed in 1874 was 38, against 50 in 1873 and 41 in 1872. The astonishing number of 46 stacks is reported to us as being in course of erection in 1875, while other new furnaces are projected.



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Production of Pig Iron in the United States in 1874.

We have received from Mr. James M. Swan, Secretary of the Iron and Steel Association, advanced sheets of his condensed report on the production of pig iron in the United States in 1874. The report is accompanied by a table of much statistical value, giving the production of pig iron in the United States for three years, but owing to the crowded state of our columns we are obliged to defer its publication until next week.

The American Iron and Steel Association has received from the producers and from its correspondents full statistics of the production of pig iron in the United States in 1874. The total production was 2,689,413 net tons, against 2,868,278 net tons in 1873, and 2,854,558 net tons in 1872, showing a decrease of 178,865 tons as

of iron over that of the corresponding period of 1872. Had the prices of 1872 been maintained during 1873, and the demand for iron experienced no abatement, there can be no doubt that the production of 1873 would have reached 3,500,000 tons. But at the beginning of summer it became evident that production was outrunning consumption, and on the 19th of June it will be remembered that a convention of pig iron makers assembled at Cleveland, and adopted a resolution recommending a restriction of production. This recommendation was so far followed or anticipated as to cause the blowing out during the summer of a number of furnaces. Others were blown out for repairs, at various periods during the year, and were not again put in blast. In September the panic came, and it was at once made evident, by the resultant shrinkage in prices and decrease in consumption, that production would have to be still further reduced, and accordingly a number of additional furnaces were blown out, so that, by the close of the year, of 665 furnaces then completed, 252 were out of blast and 413 were in blast. The production of the year was 2,689,278 tons, or 13,730 tons in excess of that of 1872. The year 1874 opened with 413 furnaces in blast, but with a strong hope generally prevailing that the effects of the panic would soon disappear, when a revival of the demand for iron would follow. Of the 413 furnaces then continuing to make iron, it must not be forgotten that nearly every one of the large new and improved furnaces built in 1872 and 1873 was included. Stated otherwise, most of the furnaces then out of blast were furnaces of small capacity. The hopes of a revival of business that were entertained at the beginning of the year were soon found to be delusive, and then be-

* Including three Spiegelau furnaces in New Jersey.
† Two furnaces were abandoned in 1874.
‡ Estimated.

that, from motives of enforced economy, and by reason of increased skill, the management of most of the furnaces in blast in that year was such as to produce the largest possible yield, we need no longer wonder that the production of 1874 was 2,689,413 tons, or only 178,865 tons less than the product of 1873. The result is startling, but it is a revelation that is to be followed by one equally startling.

The quantity of pig iron of all kinds which was on hand and unsold at the close of 1874 in the hands of makers or their agents was 795,784 net tons. The quantity which was held by speculative parties, or was in the hands of creditors, or in the hands of consumers was undoubtedly large; so that, at the close of 1874, the total quantity of pig iron in the country, exclusive of the small stocks of foreign iron, may be safely estimated at 1,000,000 tons. If the country were prosperous; if the demand for iron were equal to the average demand of the past ten years; and if old rails could not be used as a substitute for pig iron, this quantity of pig iron would not have been too large to have in stock at the beginning of this year. But as these favorable conditions did not exist, it is plain that we commenced the year 1874 with far too much pig iron for the good of the trade. Prices could not be expected to improve under such circumstances, and we now see why they have not improved. Although more furnaces have blown out since the 1st of January than have been blown in, the quantity of iron that has been made since then, joined to the 1,000,000 tons then on hand, has been entirely too large to exercise any other than a depressing effect on the market.

We now see how much more valuable to the iron trade the statistics gathered by this Association might be made. Five months have passed since we asked every furnace proprietor in the country for the statistics of his produc-

The following States made more iron in 1874 than in 1873: Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, West Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan. The following States made less iron in 1874 than in 1873: Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri. The district showing the greatest increase during 1874 was the miscellaneous bituminous coal and coke district in Ohio. The district showing the greatest decrease during 1874 was the Lehigh anthracite district in Pennsylvania.

Utah Territory made her first pig iron in 1874—200 tons of charcoal. After a long rest, Oregon, with one furnace, made 2500 tons of charcoal iron in 1874. Texas made 1012 tons of charcoal iron in 1874. South Carolina, with eight furnaces, and Minnesota, with one furnace, made no iron in that year.

The production of charcoal pig iron in 1874 was within 1903 net tons as large as that of 1873, being 572,817 net tons in 1874, against 574,720 tons in 1873.

The total imports of pig iron into the United States in 1874 were 61,165 net tons, against 154,708 net tons in 1873, 305,967 net tons in 1872, and 245,535 net tons in 1871.

The total exports of pig iron from the United States to all countries in 1874 were 16,039 net tons, against 10,104 net tons in 1873, and 1477 net tons in 1872.

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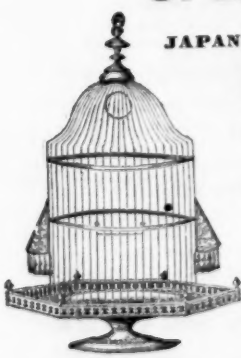
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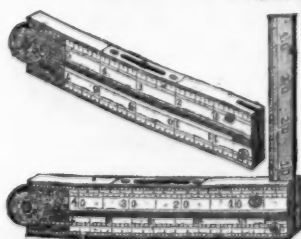
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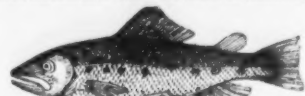
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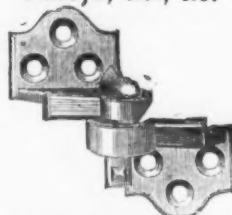
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Water for the use of small communities is obtained principally from wells; but as the population increases, these wells become unfit for use, and as soon as the number of inhabitants is sufficiently large to warrant the expense, the water is supplied from reservoirs, either artificial or natural, located at a remote distance, where it is allowed to accumulate for general distribution. At first glance it would appear that the latter method would accomplish all that could possibly be desired in furnishing an abundant supply of pure water from a never failing source, free from all the contaminating influences incident to a near proximity to crowded habitations, and yet experience has shown that, in the absence of proper precautions, the more abundant the supply of water the greater are the evils to be feared.

While there are many distinct elements which enter into the discussion of a proper water supply for any locality, it is too often the case that all other questions are subordinated to those relating to cost; and such plans are most likely to receive the popular approval as are the least expensive. It does not, by any means, follow that the most expensive plan is the best. It may be the worst; but, as a general rule, the item of expense is allowed to overshadow all other points.

While it is possible to secure, in many instances, a never failing supply of pure water from remote lakes, yet it cannot be denied that a very large number of our towns and cities have been too heedless in deciding the water question, and have disregarded many important points, involving errors which unfortunately are, from their nature, accumulative.

The usual course of proceeding, in the construction of works for supplying water on a large scale, is to secure, in accordance with a legal statute, the control of a stream of water and the lands necessary for a storage reservoir. A dam is then erected across the bed of the stream, behind which the water is accumulated to be drawn off for distribution as it may be required. From this reservoir the water is conveyed in conduits to a smaller reservoir, from which the distribution takes place. If the original source is sufficiently elevated, the movement of the water is effected by gravity; if not, a pump is used as an auxiliary in its collection and distribution. The most noted water works in America are those of the city of New York, which is supplied with water from the Croton River and its branches.

The course of this stream lies in the counties of Putnam and Westchester, where the irregular character of the topography affords peculiar facilities for the construction of storage reservoirs, of which two have been completed and another is in progress. The first of these, known as the Croton Lake, is situated thirty-two miles from the extreme northern end of Manhattan Island, and is available for 500,000,000 gallons. From this reservoir of artificial lake the water is conveyed through a close conduit of masonry as far as the Harlem River, and thence through iron pipes and masonry to large open reservoirs in the Central Park, one being 106 acres in extent and another 35 acres; from thence the water is partially distributed, and further conveyed in iron pipes underground to another reservoir of four acres in extent at 42d street and 5th avenue, whence a more extended distribution takes place. The second storage reservoir is situated in Putnam county, and has a capacity of 3,000,000,000 gallons. The water, when required, is conveyed from this reservoir to the Croton Lake through the open natural channels of the river and its branches. Another storage reservoir is in course of construction on the east branch of the Croton, of an estimated capacity of 4,000,000,000 gallons. From this the water is conveyed in the same natural channels as the previous one to the Croton Lake reservoir. On its completion, the total storage capacity will be, including the reservoirs in the city, about 8,000,000,000 gallons. In addition to the reservoirs referred to, locations have been decided upon for others as they may be required, the whole aggregating a supply of 67,000,000,000 gallons. The utmost capacity of the present aqueduct is 115,000,000 gallons, while the daily consumption has been 104,000,000 gallons. These data are cited to show the manner in which large bodies of water are accumulated and distributed, and the description will serve as an illustration of all water works of the same general character of construction.

It is very evident that a large amount of circumspection, not only in the original plans, but in their daily conduct and supervision, is necessary to insure a freedom from impurity and contamination. In the first place, the geological characteristics of the country from which the supply is drawn is an important element to be considered. Water derived from certain formations is almost sure to prove destructive to health, either by reason of an excess of mineral ingredients in solution, which act injuriously upon the system, or in consequence of geological faults and fissures affording passages through which, by infiltration, contamination may be conveyed for long distances. It has been asserted that cholera was transmitted through a large section of the West from the contaminated water which penetrated the fissures of the limestone formation, descending by the force of gravity to the low levels, and impregnating the drinking water derived through the stratifications of this rock. Leaving out the geological considerations, and supposing that, by means of careful analysis, the chemical character of the minerals in solution has been determined beyond doubt to be free from objection, we have yet the most important question of all to be decided, and that is the result of a rigid microscopic examination. While this is the real pivot upon which the question of pure water turns, it has been, in a large measure, overlooked, if not absolutely ignored, in the discussions which have arisen out of this subject.

Analytical chemists, both in this country and in Europe, have asserted that the oxidizing process to which organic matter is subjected in running water, is such as to insure a thorough purification, but the theory is based entirely upon the effect which oxygen has upon decomposing organic matter, and is entirely inferential in its character. It cannot surely be maintained that oxygen is destructive in itself of all animal or vegetable germs. If it were so, oxygen, instead of being the great element of life, would be the chief agent of death. All organic matter is but the development of germs, and an infusorial germ which may be in a perfectly healthy and harmless state at certain temperatures, becomes diseased and destructive to health, at a higher degree of temperature. It was remarked by a distinguished American scientist,* who was in London, in 1858, when the Thames River became such a source as to fill the whole city with alarm and consternation, that the cause of the calamity was really due to the sudden rise in temperature which took place in the waters of the river, in fact that an increase of 5° F. caused a wholesale destruction of germs, and a consequent putrescence productive of widespread disease.

The element of temperature must be considered always in connection with the accumulation of water in storage reservoirs. The presence of organic germs cannot be ignored. Water in storage reservoirs, derived largely from the drainage of open farming country and incipient villages, is necessarily mixed with leaves, droppings of animals, and other organic impurities. In this condition it is exposed, especially in the hot weather of mid-summer, to the direct action of solar light and heat. It is during this season of the year that the rapid development of animal and vegetable organisms takes place from spores conveyed into the water from the atmosphere and the earth, to live, propagate, die and become putrescent.

The constant recurrence of these conditions, more particularly in water which remains at rest or moves slowly, as in lakes, canals and reservoirs, results in an accumulation of living organisms or putrescent matter which renders the water unsuitable for human consumption. Even animals suffer from drinking water of this character. Some larval forms living in water have to pass through the stomach of animals before they are known to affect human beings. The *anguilula fluvialis*, which infests the intestinal canal of fish, is believed to originate the disease called "trichina," which has been so fatal to consumers of pork. Putrescent vegetable matter in drinking water, the refuse of a starch manufactory, has caused the death of cows, sheep and fish.

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This brings us to another branch of this subject which is entitled to grave consideration. It is well known that within the last few years many large provincial towns and other populous places in England have been compelled to abandon entirely the use of the water of rivers for domestic purposes. This has been in consequence of the impossibility of maintaining the rivers free from pollution in thickly populated sections of country.

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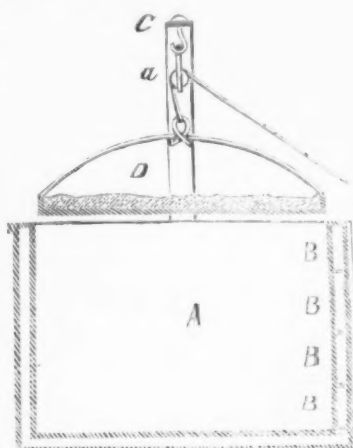
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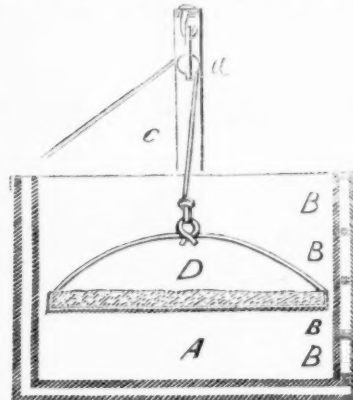
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New Patents.
We take from the records of the Patent Office
of Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:
**IMPROVEMENT IN OVENS FOR ANNEALING BUILD-
ING BLOCKS OF FURNACE SLAG.**
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 161,380, dated March 30, 1875, issued to
Bassler Boyer, of Lebanon, Pa.
Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings are repre-
sentations of vertical sections of device.
This invention has relation to means for cool-
ing and annealing building blocks which are
made from furnace slag or clinker; and consists
in an oven having non-conducting walls, a ver-
tically movable non-conducting cover, and a
front which is composed of a number of remov-
able slats.
Hitherto the process of annealing the
blocks of slag was conducted by imbedding
them in sand, which has been found objection-
able for several reasons.



In the annexed drawings, A designates a rec-
tangular furnace, composed of three vertical
non-conducting walls and a non-conducting
floor. The front of this furnace is composed
of a number of narrow pieces, B, which are
fitted into grooves in the two side walls of the
furnace, so that they can be taken out and in-



roduced at pleasure. C designates a frame-
which is erected over the furnace, and to which
a grooved pulley, a, is attached. Over this
pulley passes a rope or chain, which suspends
a non-conducting cover, D, and by means of
which this cover can be raised and lowered.
Artificial heat is applied to the oven in any
convenient manner before introducing the blocks,
and when the proper temperature is arrived at
the pieces B are removed and the blocks are in-
troduced, layer after layer; at the same time the
pieces B are applied, one after the other, and
the cover is raised. By these means the blocks
are prevented from being suddenly chilled.
Claim.—An annealing furnace having non-
conducting walls, in combination with remova-
ble pieces B and a vertically movable cover, D,
substantially as and for the purposes de-
scribed.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL.
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 161,398, dated March 30, 1875, issued to
Jean Eyquem, of Paris, France.
Having placed in a fire-clay vessel, properly
luted, some iron bars, with pulverized peat,
these bars were completely transformed into
steel at a temperature of 1300° Fahrenheit,
more rapidly than by a mixture of the gases
separately produced.
The addition of some one one hundredths of
an ammoniacal salt, principally hydrochlorate,
would accelerate and render more perfect the
conversion of iron into steel.
The rapidity of such transformation is due to
the circumstance that the ammoniacal and car-
bonated hydrogen gases are in the nascent state
in the presence of iron, and it is well known
how far more energetic the chemical affinities
are in that state.
Like results are obtained with the following
materials, together with an addition of am-
moniacal salt, to wit, tan waste, saw dust, lig-
nite, coal, resins, mineral oils, grease, either
solid or liquid hydrocarbons, animal matters,
and any other materials supplying carbonated
hydrogen; but some of these liquid materials,
sometimes rather energetic, cannot be always
employed alone, and it is necessary to admix
some inert powdered substances.
However, peat is the substance best for use,
though its absence may be substituted by the
above materials.
The steel produced in this manner is of ex-
cellent quality, and can be used without pre-
vious preparation to manufacture files, springs,
and the like. Worked at a temperature com-
paratively low, the bars shall not be covered
with those rugosities or blisters, by which latter

name cemented steel is commonly known (blis-
ter steel), and the quality of the iron used does
not sensibly influence that of the steel pro-
duced.

Use common reverberatory furnaces or large
muffle furnaces, into which introduce either
fire clay or cast iron chests containing the bars
with the cement. A continuous working, the
rapidity of the operation, the comparatively
low temperature at which the work is effected,
the low price of the cement, which has to be
but partially renewed, will procure a notable
economy over the process in use.

To produce such steel at a cheaper rate, use a
reverberatory furnace, preferably Pousard's or
Siemens'; but in either case care must be had
to produce but reducing flames, less injurious
than oxidizing ones.

The operation is as follows: On the hearth
charge the scraps, together with the required
mixture, which pile up, ramming them down
soundly by means of a bat. Then spread over
the whole a layer of pulverized slag or scoræ
of same nature. Keep at a red heat for four
hours, and raise afterward the temperature to
the fusing point.

The preparing of the hearth and the casting
process are the same as for the manufacture of
puddled steel.

Whether ores or scoræ are treated, there is
no other addition to be made thereto than the
slag layer as protection from the flames, as
above explained, with reference to scraps.

Claim.—The process, herein described, of
converting iron into steel by placing the iron,
together with pulverized peat and with an am-
moniacal salt, preferably hydrochlorate, into a
furnace, and heating, so that the gases given
off by the decomposing peat and hydrochlorate
will affect the iron.

**IMPROVEMENT IN CONVERTING CAST IRON AR-
TICLES INTO STEEL.**

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 162,047, dated April 13, 1875, issued to
Stanley G. Flagg, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The object of this invention is to convert
cast iron objects into steel by subjecting them
to heat while they are enveloped in a composi-
tion of charcoal, iron scale, or other suitable
particles of iron, and sal-ammoniac, as de-
scribed hereafter.

Care must be exercised in the selection of
the cast iron to suit the character of the steel
object to be produced by conversion.

For a superior article of steel which has to
be hardened, the Lake Superior charcoal iron
which has been melted in an air furnace is best,
as the latter has a tendency to refine the metal.
For a softer and tough steel, not so easily hard-
ened, the cast iron may be melted in an ordi-
nary cupola.

In preparing the composition, use as one of
the ingredients, on account of its economy,
the iron scale of rolling mills, although iron
borings or turnings, or other comparatively
small particles of iron, may be used for the
purpose. As to the charcoal, that which has
been used by distillers for rectifying purposes
is cheap and available as an ingredient in the
composition. The proportions of iron scale
and charcoal may be about equal, while about
one pound of sal-ammoniac may be added to
every ten or fifteen pounds of the combined
charcoal and scale.

These proportions may be varied consid-
erably, in accordance with the quality of the
cast iron employed, and in accordance with
the bulk of the object; the larger the casting
to be converted the more sal-ammoniac is re-
quired.

The sal-ammoniac may be finely pulverized,
in order to thoroughly mix it with the other in-
gredients; or the latter may be saturated with
a strong solution of sal-ammoniac.

The castings to be converted are so packed
in iron boxes with the composition that the lat-
ter shall envelop each casting; and after the
boxes have been filled they are fitted with cov-
ers, which are made perfectly tight by a luting
of loam or clay.

The boxes thus charged are placed in an or-
dinary heating furnace, and there subjected to
a nearly white heat for from forty-eight to
sixty-nine hours, according to the size of the
castings, after which the furnace is permitted
to become cool, when the boxes may be with-
drawn, and the articles, now converted into
steel, may be removed.

Claim.—The process of converting cast iron
objects into steel by subjecting them to heat
while they are enveloped in a composition of
scales or other particles of iron, charcoal, and
sal-ammoniac, as set forth.

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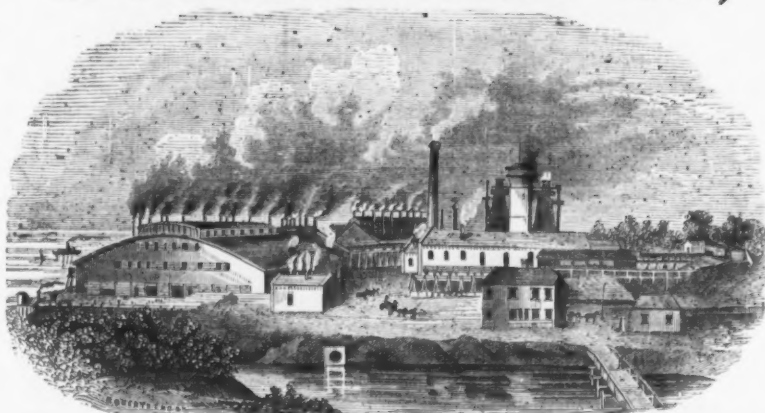
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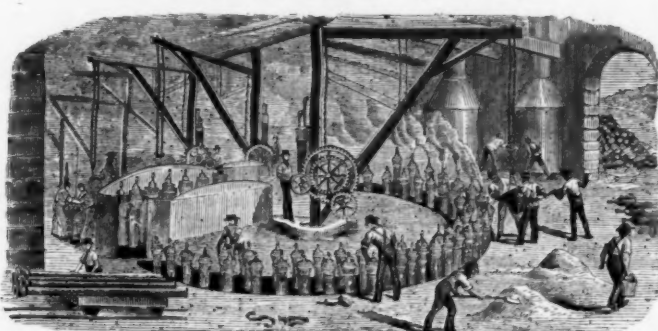
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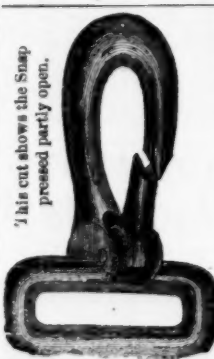
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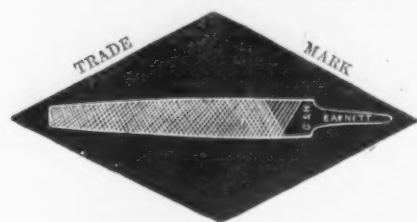
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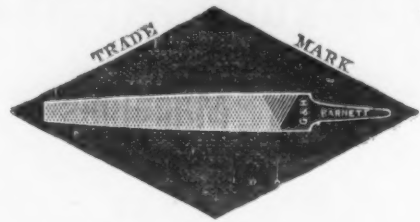
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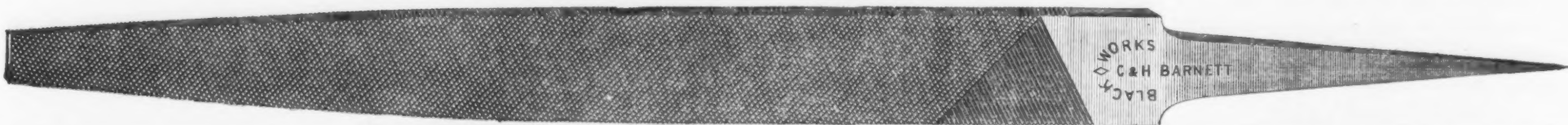
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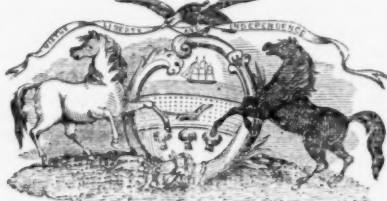
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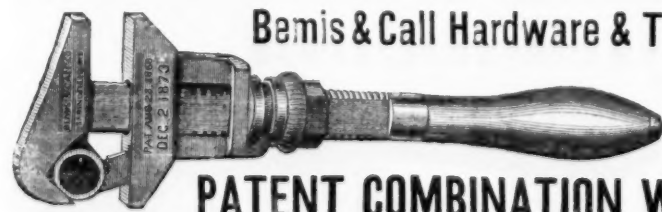
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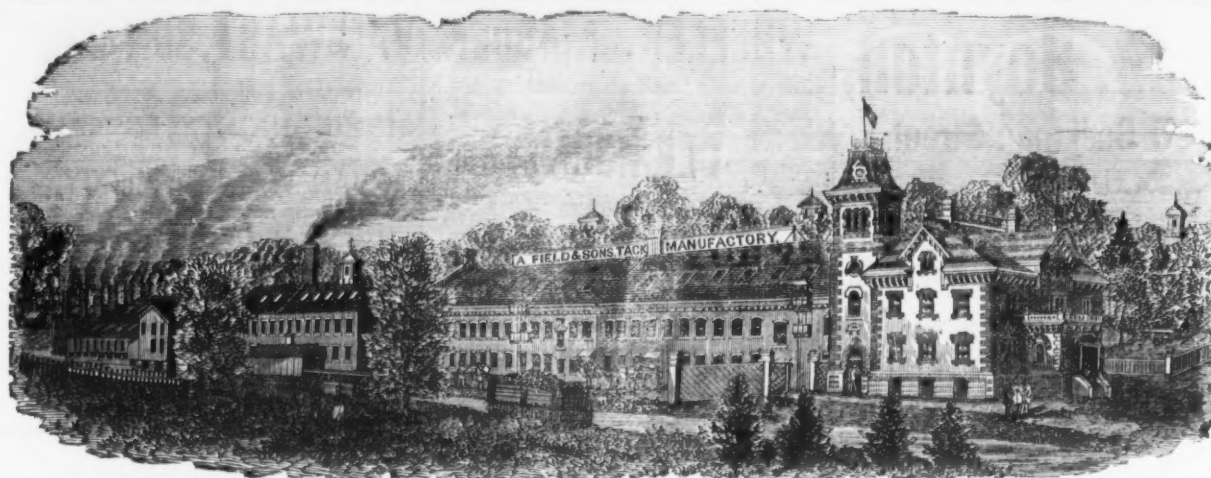
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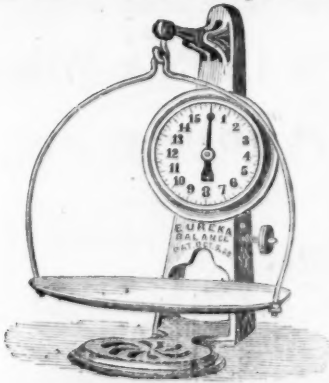
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The work of putting up the building for the new steel works at Beaver Falls is going forward with much vigor.

Heavy orders for car wheels and axles which are being shipped to South America are on hand at the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Works, below Fullerton.

The iron manufactories of Erie employ \$1,349,000 capital, 965 men, and produce annually \$3,628,000. Brass foundries—capital, \$310,000; men, 180; annual product, \$140,000. Stove foundries—capital, \$375,000; men employed, 190; annual product, \$475,000. Car manufactories—capital, \$260,000; men employed, 625; annual product, \$600,000.

Brady's edge tool factory has been removed from Mount Joy to Lancaster, where improved machinery will be introduced. It was established in 1805.

CONNECTICUT.

The Washburn steel rim car wheel, which has stood last winter's tests so finely, will be manufactured in large quantities at Hartford, beginning one week hence, to supply the New York Central Railroad.

The Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, has received an order from the Turkish government for 80,000,000 cartridges, which will keep the company busy for about a year.

VERMONT.

There were 4747 scales manufactured at the Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, scale works during the month of April, which is 977 more than during the same time in 1874. The company are now filling a large order to be sent to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Concord Axle Works of D. Arthur Brown & Co., at Fisherville, are now crowded with orders. They are employing more men and turning out more goods than ever before. They are just putting in the foundations for another building 64x24, the present shops being over crowded. Some new machinery is also being added, which includes one special tool imported from England.

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The National Needle Company, Springfield, employ 90 hands, and turn out 20,000 needles a day, making largely for the Remington Sewing Machine Company. They have been organized two years, and own about \$75,000 worth of special machinery, having lately bought out Cook & Porter, of Newtonville.

B. F. Mullin, of Holyoke, is manufacturing three 80 horse-power boilers for the lunatic hospital at Northampton, and one for S. Snell & Co. The three City Hall boilers are nearly completed. One large 9 ton bleach boiler is being made, which is to go to San Francisco, Cal.

The Swain Turbine Company, of Lowell, are building one of their large size case wheels for the Great Falls Manufacturing Company, of Great Falls, N. H. This is the third wheel this Company have furnished the Great Falls Corporation.

The contract for the rebuilding of the section of the Newburyport bridge carried away by the flood, 204 feet in length, has been awarded to the Watson Manufacturing Company, of Paterson, N. J., for \$1949. The bids on building the piers for the draw are yet to be awarded.

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Pennsylvania Furnace, Greensburg, has gone into blast. There are on hand nearly 4000 tons of choice ore, and the coal house is full of good charcoal. The hot blast and boilers, which caused some trouble last year, have been thoroughly repaired, and the furnace is now in good condition.

TENNESSEE.

The Vulcan Works, at Chattanooga, will probably be sold some time during the coming summer. The sale will be subject to two mortgage liens, amounting in the aggregate to about \$100,000, and will probably result in the works being purchased and put in operation by the holders of these liens.

ALABAMA.

Round Mountain Furnace is doing splendidly, making 12 tons per day of No. 1 pig iron. Some changes have recently been made in the machinery.

CALIFORNIA.

At the Miner's Foundry, San Francisco, they are making six drills for the Diamond Drill Company, in that city. They are also making two steam engines for service at the Comstock mines.

MICHIGAN.

The Marquette City steam forge is running at present on an order for car axles from the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company. The proprietors are expecting orders that will keep them busy all summer.

The Coal Supply of the Pacific Coast.

The San Francisco Bulletin says: Nothing, perhaps, gives a stronger assurance of the future prosperity of the Pacific coast than the discoveries of coal which are made. If the formations here are not entirely the same as those of Pennsylvania and Europe, but partake of the lignite character, they have been abundantly tested for the purpose of fuel, and with satisfactory results. Nor is this lignite formation confined to one particular section of the Pacific coast, but it is found in various degrees approaching anthracite, from British Columbia to the Gulf of California. Pacific coast coal is now almost exclusively used for railroad locomotives and for steamboats by the companies operating here, and for all classes of manufactures. Cheap fuel is the basis of great manufacturing interests, and in this respect the new industries of this coast have brightening prospects.

Coal is said to be practically inexhaustible on Vancouver's Island, and the Nanaimo coal fields are sending large quantities to the San Francisco market. The company is now represented as taking out about 300 tons per day from the old bed, three miles from the harbor, and their mine is down 1300 feet. A new vein has also been discovered about half a mile from the harbor, and when this is opened the supply will be increased to 500 tons daily. The present price of this coal delivered at the shaft is stated to be \$5.25 per ton.

Coming southward, there is next the Bellingham Bay mine, which is taking out 100 tons daily, and the present vein is expected to last four years. The Skagit mine, also in Washington Territory, has only been opened for 20 feet, simply for testing its value. The mines around Seattle are turning out from 200 to 400 tons daily, and this can be indefinitely increased with better means of transportation to tide water. The new mines of Puyallup, 28 miles from Tacoma, are also developing the existence of a large area of coal, and a project is on foot for constructing a narrow gauge railroad to bring the coal into market.

The Coos Bay coal fields, of Oregon, are rapidly developing, and coal of lesser commercial value is constantly being discovered in other sections of that State.

In Nevada two important discoveries of coal have been made during the last 12 months—the Pancake mines and those in El Dorado canyon, Lyon county. The latter has been tested for steam purposes at the mines on the Comstock lode, and the proprietors are arranging for the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from the canyon to Virginia City.

Coal also exists in several sections of California. In Shasta county one of the largest beds on this side of the continent has recently been discovered. A few months ago extensive deposits were found in Monterey county. The Lincoln mine in Placer is developing, and two narrow gauge railroads are to be constructed to the coal fields of Ione Valley in Amador county. Coal is also reported to have been found in Butte and Colusa counties, and only awaits means of transportation to bring the same into market. The prime factor in all manufacturing enterprises is coal, and from today's outlook, the encouragement to enter upon manufacturing enterprises was never greater than at present.

Steel and Iron in Ottawa.—(The Canada)

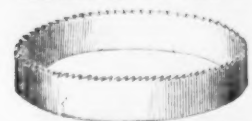
Ottawa Citizen says: It is gratifying to know that the ore from the Haycock mines has once more startled the iron world with its richness. The specimens sent over to Plattsburgh were put through a forge similar to those now being erected at the mines, and a magnificent steel billet was the result. The billet was subsequently sent to Montreal and rolled into thin bars, which have been bent cold without the slightest appearance of a fracture. This quality of the steel in particular created quite an excitement among the iron manufacturers who witnessed the operation, and many of them expressed themselves astonished at the result. Another prominent feature is that the ore from the Haycock mines is very easily smelted, taking only one hundred and forty bushels of charcoal to the ton, while ordinary ore takes two hundred and forty bushels. This is indeed a wonderful saving in the manufacture. Mr. Washburn, one of the oldest axe manufacturers in Canada, stated this morning that he never saw anything to equal the specimens shown by Mr. Haycock, and has decided to test its quality for the manufacture of axes.

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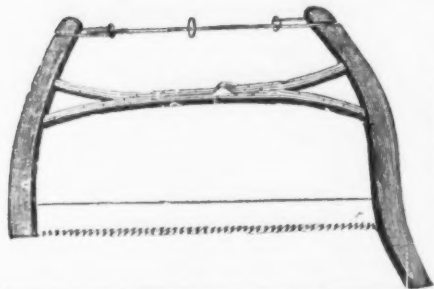
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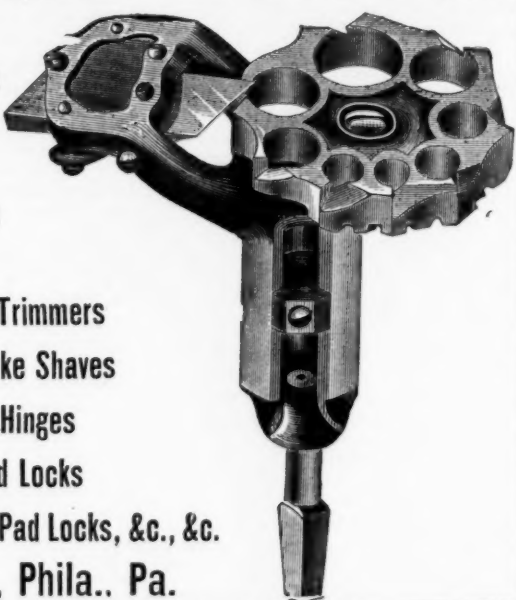
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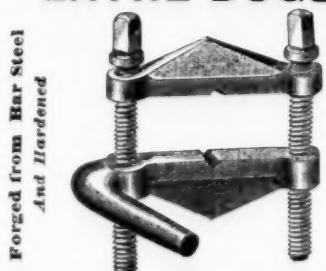
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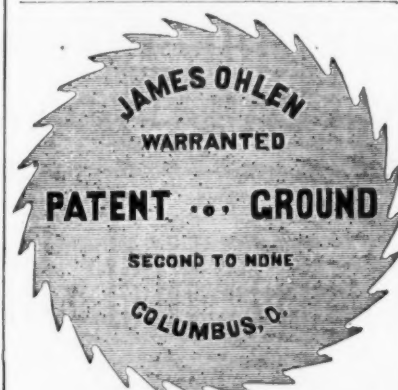
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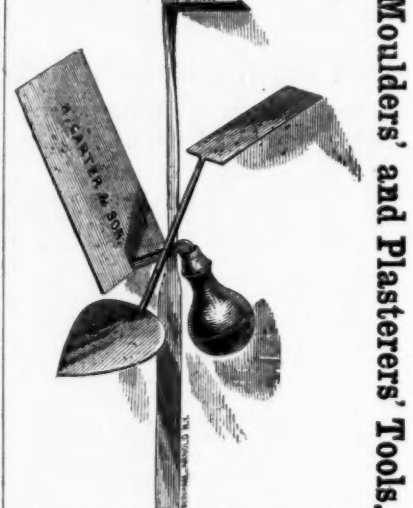
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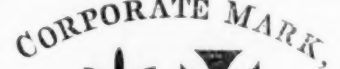
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The industrial public had just begun to congratulate itself on the practical end of the coal strike when fresh troubles broke out in the Schuylkill region; the miners who had resumed work were attacked by an armed mob, driven from their collieries, and so great violence was committed as to necessitate again calling out the military. At Mahoning City the greatest outrages were committed; here an armed body of 500 or more came in collision with the sheriff's posse and a pitched battle took place, in which quite a number of men on each side were shot. After the arrival of the military this mob dispersed, but later placed obstructions on the railroad to throw off trains transporting troops, and made an attack on the operatives of another colliery, driving them off and burning the breaker and trestlework round the mines. Since this, matters have been more quiet under the presence of the military, and the various branches of the Schuylkill union are voting on a proposition from the miners of Wilkesbarre and Luzerne to allow the latter to go to work on the 10 per cent. reduction, and to support the miners of the Schuylkill Basin, whom, if they resume, must do so at a reduction of 30 per cent. This plan was adopted as the settlement of a previous strike. The Wilkesbarre miners resumed first under a similar promise to the Schuylkill men, and the most turbulent portion of the latter having left and obtained work in the Wilkesbarre region, the more respectable miners of Schuylkill went to work. In addition to the interruption of business by the strike, the Reading Railroad Company has several other irritating affairs on hand. The Legislative Investigating Committee shows, in the testimony of the retail coal dealers, a very bitter spirit of antagonism to the coal company, and one which may, in time, cause much trouble. Beside this, the Survey Committee of Councils has refused to recommend the vacating of certain streets, which is required to enable the company to finish its iron ship yard and ore depot in Kensington, on the Delaware River front. Here, according to President Gowen, it was the intention of the company not only to erect a large ship yard for the erection of iron colliers, but to make a depot for the reception and distribution of iron ores and all heavy business. This, he estimated, would give employment to several thousand men, and add greatly to the taxable value of real estate in the neighborhood. The ordinance was defeated in committee by a single vote, however, and Mr. Gowen declined an amendment restricting the company's privileges. It is stated that, should the report of the committee be affirmed in Councils, the Reading Company will transfer their dry dock, ship yards, plate mill and ore business to Chester, where they have large tracts of river front, beside direct rail connection.

Centennial matters have been brightened during the week by the arrival of the Chief of the British Commission to the Exhibition, Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, and his secretary, Col. Herbert Sandford. The Duke of Richmond is the presiding officer of the Commission, but Mr. Owen, well known as the Director of the Kensington Museum, will have charge of the British display. Col. Sandford will remain permanently here, but Mr. Owen, after an examination of the grounds and buildings, will return temporarily to England. Both gentlemen expressed the best of feeling as existing in Great Britain toward our Centennial, and indeed it is highly probable that such is the case, and that with Lowthian Bell's eminently able, honest and graphic report on our minerals, and the influence of the Centennial, the relations between the two countries, in a business way, will be greatly improved. Our own government appears to be waking up to the importance of the affair, and the chairman of the Governmental Board, Col. Lyford, is making the classification of the exhibits from the various departments. Their proposed display is announced as follows: The Bureau of Engineering will display a collection of models showing systems of fortifications and modes of temporary and permanent defense from 1776 to 1876. The Ordnance Department will show a complete collection of small arms, artillery, etc. The Medical Department will have a frame hospital on the ground, fully equipped with beds, surgical instruments and appliances, ambulances, stretchers, etc. The Quartermaster's Department will exhibit a collection of military clothing, tents, and military equipment generally, together with plans of barracks, etc. The Meteorological Department will exhibit a model station of observation, equipped and in working order, from which bulletins will be issued. The Field Signal Service will illustrate the practical workings of that branch in time of war. It is expected that the cadets from West Point will be ordered to this city during one week of the Exhibition.

So much complaint has been made relative to our supply of water, and the necessity of an improvement in this department, that a commission has been appointed for the purpose. This commission is to consist of five scientific and practical engineers, to be selected by the Mayor from eight candidates to be recommended by the managers of the Franklin Institute, to whom, in connection with the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, the subject is to be referred. An appropriation to cover the expenses of the commission has been made, and it is presumed the Franklin Institute will at once make the proper selections from their members, and that we will have an honest and practical plan for an increased supply of water. The war between the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads has been so bitter and persistent in the reduction of passenger and freight rates, as to give color to rumors of great pecuniary loss to both companies. President Scott authorizes, however, the statement that the total decrease of net earnings for the four months ended April 30, 1875, is about \$110,000, or less than one-sixth of one per cent. of the annual dividend fund. Considering the general depression of trade this is a favorable exhibit, and shows both good management and economy in the affairs of the company. The result of such a conflict, however, cannot fail to be injurious to the interests of both companies, and the sooner it is settled on a lasting basis the better for all concerned.

The failures of the Aberdare and Plymouth Works (Fothergill & Co.), of Great Britain, and of Sanderson & Co. and Gilead A. Smith & Co., has created much discussion in iron circles, as showing that almost, if not quite, as bad a state of things exists in the iron trade of Great Britain as here. The causes are: decreased American orders, higher cost of coal and ore, disturbances by labor, and, probably more than anything else, the large amount of bonds of American roads received for past business, on which interest has never been paid, and which have, in turn, been used as collateral for

loans for which they now form no security, and which loans cannot be covered. Whether these failures will extend to other firms seems to be the principal cause of anxiety, but, in view of the fact that our importations of iron from Great Britain are now practically nil, little effect is to be expected upon American trade in any case. The Clyde lines are in contract with the Jackson & Sharp Company, of Wilmington, for a number of new steamers for the Philadelphia and New York service. These vessels will have double the capacity of any now engaged in the trade, and the contract shows how our coasting trade is steadily increasing. Another new ship for the Pacific Mail Company, being No. 151, was launched from Roach's yard on Saturday, but will doubtless be elsewhere described by you.

Fire at the Riverside Iron Works.

The Wheeling, West Virginia, *Intelligencer*, gives the following description of the partial destruction by fire of the Riverside Iron Works, in that city:

The nail plate building was totally destroyed. Much care was taken to preserve the machinery, and it is thought that the loss will not amount to more than from 30 to 40 per cent. This building was erected in 1867, and cost about \$30,000. It can probably be replaced at the present time at a cost not exceeding \$12,000 or \$15,000. The building was insured for \$54,000. The machinery and fixtures, which were valued at something over \$30,000, were insured for \$18,841.

The new nail factory contained 36 nail machines. The building was erected only last winter, and cost about \$10,000. It was insured for \$5,000. The greater portion of the building was destroyed, but the frame and that part covered with a tin roof remain standing. The factory had a double floor, which is still in good condition. It is impossible to tell how much damage the machines have sustained until sufficiently cool to admit of an examination, but it is thought the loss to machinery, as in the nail plate building, will not exceed from 30 to 40 per cent. of the total value. The machinery was insured for \$10,000.

During the feeder's strike the stock of plate iron accumulated, and there was over \$15,000 worth in the new factory at the time of the fire. Between 400 and 500 kegs of nails were also in the factory. The plate iron was uninjured, but the nails were damaged. The stock was insured for \$3,000.

During the fire a heavy piece of timber fell upon and broke the pipe connecting with the engine. The steam flew in all directions, making a hissing noise, which could be heard a great distance. It is thought that the engine has not sustained any damage. It cost \$15,000, and is insured for \$500. The grindstones in the factory all burst, and of course are a total loss.

As before stated, over \$15,000 worth of mill plate has accumulated in the new factory. This will make about 15,000 kegs of nails, and keep the remaining 30 machines (in the old factory building) in operation for four or five weeks. In the meanwhile a shed will be erected over the rolls, which are thought to be only slightly damaged, and as there is considerable muck iron on hand, the company expect to be turning out plate iron in ten or fifteen days.

The nail factory will be immediately rebuilt. The foundations, floor, etc., being in good condition, it is expected that the factory will be covered, and all the machines in operation inside of two weeks.

About 125 men and boys will be temporarily thrown out of employment. The fire caught upon the roof from sparks from the furnace stack.

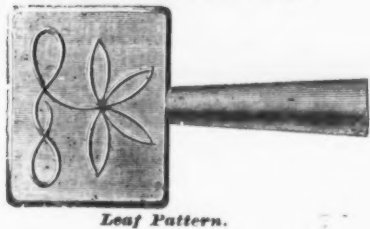
John McManus, president of the Reading Iron Works, of Sayert, McManus & Co., died at his residence in Reading, early yesterday morning, after an illness of less than two weeks, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was one of the contractors of the Hudson River Railroad, New York; of the Portage Railroad, Pennsylvania, and of other roads, and assisted in building the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, his section being immediately below Reading. He was also one of the original contractors of the Croton Aqueduct, which supplies New York city with water. He was the senior partner of the large iron firm of Sayert, McManus & Co., a director in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and a prominent officer of the Texas and Pacific Construction Company.

John J. Thompson, the senior partner of the firm of L. P. Morris & Co., of the Port Richmond Iron Works, Philadelphia, died May 25th, aged 59 years, at his residence, No. 2034 Spruce Street, after a short attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Thompson was very well known in Philadelphia as the head of one of the largest manufacturing establishments in the city, turning out some of the finest and heaviest machinery in the country. His establishment constructed the large engines for the Mint, the engine for the Lake Erie steamer "Mississippi," which has a cylinder 6 feet 9 inches in diameter by 12 feet stroke; the two Cornish pumping engines at the Schuylkill Water Works, several iron light-houses for the United States government, and the engines for several of the monitors and iron-clads, beside many other works of equal importance.

Mr. William Bonnell, a leading citizen and iron manufacturer of Youngstown, and well known to the trade, died in that place on Wednesday of last week, after an illness of four years' duration. He was born in England in 1810, and came to this country in 1841, going first to Cincinnati, where he remained for three years. He was a dyer by trade, and at that time found but little work in his line. He then came to New Castle, Pa., thence to Pittsburgh, and for several years fluctuated between that city and Conneautville. In 1855 he went to Youngstown with Joseph Richards and Thomas Brown, and bought the old iron mill. The firm prospered, and from their modest beginning grew one of the largest iron works in the country. He was most highly respected in all walks of life, and his loss will be deeply felt in the community where he lived.

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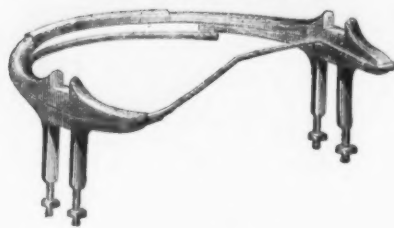
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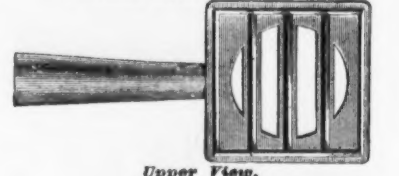
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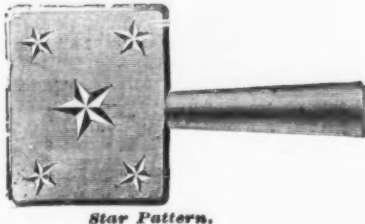
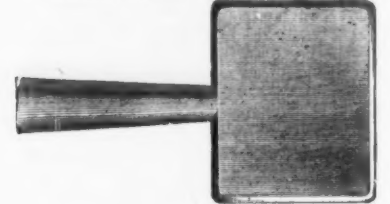


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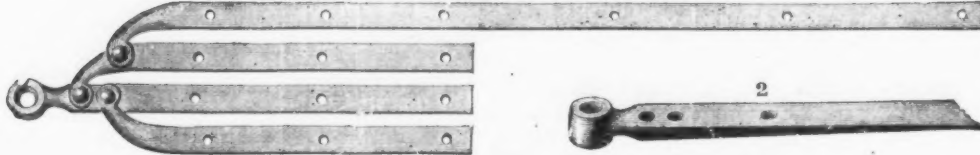
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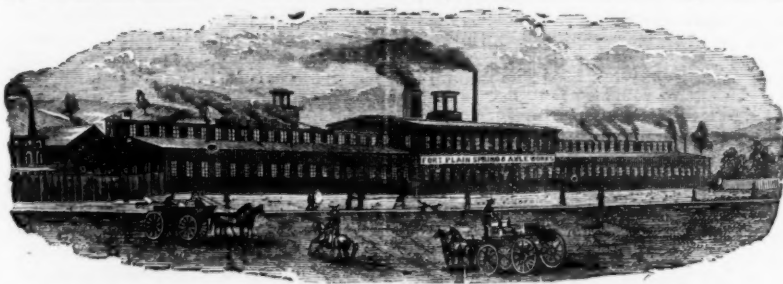
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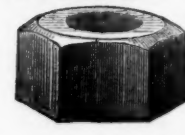
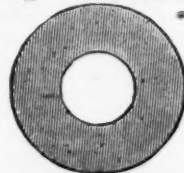
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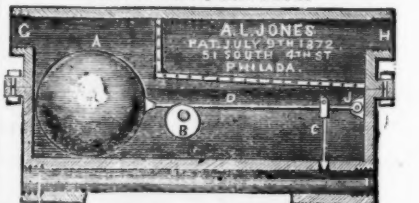
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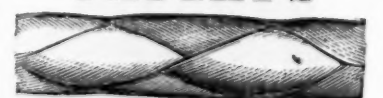
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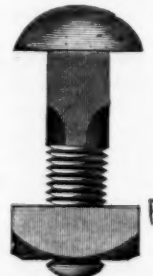
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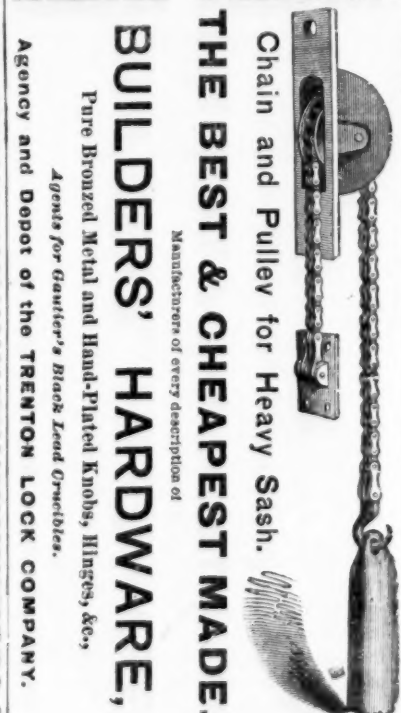
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The Magnetic Ores of Southern New York.

The importance of abundant and cheap supplies of a good quality of iron ore is so fully recognized by the trade at large that we need no excuse for the numerous articles in which we have from time to time brought to general notice various deposits of this mineral previously little known. On the contrary, it is gratifying to know that the information thus disseminated has been received with great favor, and has, in several instances, resulted in furnishing to iron manufacturers a supply of superior ore at more reasonable rates than had been previously possible, and thus enabled greater profit in production with a lower priced iron. Such descriptions we shall always furnish when reliably informed, believing it to be a portion of our duty as class journalists, and, therefore, take pleasure in publishing the following notes of an iron ore deposit contiguous to the Hudson River, but a comparatively short distance from New York city, and

in immediate proximity to the railroad system of Southern New York and Northern New Jersey, which provides rail transportation to the furnaces of the Lehigh Valley. As is well known, the veins of magnetic ore peculiar to the Highlands on the east side of the Hudson River cross that stream and are carried forward in the same formation of hornblende gneiss or gneissoid rock through Orange and Rockland counties, and thence by a belt about twenty miles wide into New Jersey. The beds, or veins—for, although of sufficiently great width to be frequently looked upon as beds, development invariably proves them to be furnished with regular walls, and hence true veins—are of great extent. As is common with all formations in the Huronian rocks, many of the rarer minerals are here found in addition to iron ore, among which are, in greater or less quantities, lead, silver, copper pyrites, carbonate of copper, garnet, tourmaline, feldspar and graphite, unmixed, however, with the iron. The geology of the region is highly interesting, and has been discussed at length by the various scientists who have professionally examined it. With the scientific treatment of the region we are not, however, here concerned. This section of New York State has been the site of great mineral development from the earliest dates; has supplied the ores for hundreds of thousands of tons of iron; has supported and still supports numerous blast furnaces, and yet contains sufficient partially developed ore deposits to supply ten times the number of the region. Most of the mines of this belt are on three or four lines extending from northeast to southwest across the counties named, generally continuous, but sometimes disturbed. From the earliest days of iron making in New York the names of the Clove, O'Neil, Forshee, Forest of Dean, Hassenclever, Greenwood and Sterling mines have been familiar to ore consumers, and for a long time they were a principal source of supply. In this belt lies the deposit of hard black magnetic ore, similar to the ores of Lake Champlain in appearance, differing, however, from these in the total absence of phosphoric and titanic acid, and supplementing the absence of these objectionable elements by the less injurious one of sulphur, the last, however, not in injurious quantity.

Leaving the terminus of the present New Jersey and New York Railroad, formerly known as the Hackensack Extension, in the town of Haverstraw, and following the valley through which the waters of Cedar Pond empty into the Hudson River, near Grassy Point, a natural roadway leads to the Cedar Pond iron deposits, which, from the abundance of ore, its freedom from phosphorus, and its richness in metallic iron, merits, and will in time receive, the attention of ore consumers. This deposit, which is most developed on a tract of some 1000 or more acres of rolling upland, is about five miles from the Hudson, at Grassy Point, and but three miles from the terminus of the railroad above named. Comparatively well timbered, principally with second or third growth timber, the periodical cutting of which furnishes employment and profit to the owners of the soil and fuel to the numerous brick works for which Haverstraw has long been noted, the soil is of fair agricultural value, and in some cases very rich. Cedar Pond, a small lake of a mile in length by three-fourths of a mile wide, is directly on the strike of the veins of ore, and its drainage has been suggested as an economical method of development. Near the center of the ore deposit, calculating from outcrop and development, is the ruins of the old Haverstraw furnace, one of, if not the earliest furnace of the region, and operated previous to 1790 with water blast, power being had from Cedar Pond, and the remains of a quite extensive dam being still visible. There are here a number of valuable and well defined veins of iron ore, all of the same character—dense black magnetite—in some cases highly crystallized, in others smooth and glistening. The principal veins are four in number, and most noticeable from the amount of development made on them, but throughout the region the magnetic attraction indicates numerous other veins of considerable magnitude. Describing these veins in their geographical order, they are as follows: First, the Hassenclever vein. Here a considerable amount of development appears; a shaft some 90 feet in depth has been sunk, in which, at a depth of about 30 feet from the surface, the vein shows full 40 feet in width between walls. About 500 feet southwest of this shaft the vein has been also worked by open cut, and at double this distance, in the opposite or northeasterly direction, another opening, some 30 feet in depth, has been made, from which probably 1000 tons of ore may have been taken. This vein is distinctly traceable for over 3000 feet, and can easily be worked for years above water level. In one direction

from the shaft is a ravine, through which a railroad track has been partially graded and a cut made into the vein, striking it at some 40 feet from the surface. The ore from this vein has, in selected specimens, yielded 70 per cent. metallic iron with a specific gravity of 5.175, and average ores are stated to have never run less than 60 per cent. iron. There is no appearance of phosphates in the country rock, nor do analyses show any trace of phosphorus in the ore. Titanium is also utterly absent, the only impurity being sulphur, which, at the surface, is represented as about one-half of one per cent., decreasing with depth to 0.25, and steadily lessening in quantity. The constitution of this ore indicates easy fluxing, the silica being in the form of hornblende and other silicates calculated to form a fluid slag under fusion. As sulphur is now much less objectionable for Bessemer pig than other impurities, and as it can be entirely, or, at worst, nearly eliminated by weathering or roasting, it would appear that this ore should, at no distant day, form an important element in the production of Bessemer pig. The abundance of this ore is unquestioned, and with proper dressing, the vein, to the width of full 40 feet, should yield ore averaging, by furnace workings, 60 per cent. of iron. Where tested it has exceeded this result, and never fallen below it. The second vein is known as the old Furnace vein, but on which comparatively little development has been made, as the furnace must have used principally surface ores. This ore is rich magnetic, low in sulphur, no phosphorus, and considerably over 60 per cent. iron. This vein shows full one mile in length. The third, or Cedar Pond vein, shows full 30 feet in width, with an opening some 70 feet long on the vein and 15 to 20 feet wide, and 20 odd feet deep. This is over half a mile in extent, as traced. An analysis by Prof. Phole, of New York, gives:

Titanium.....	none
Phosphorus.....	none
Chrome.....	none
Sulphur.....	0.25
Metallic iron.....	61.00

West of this vein, and parallel to it, is number four, or the Eureka vein. This vein shows full 20 feet wide, and is traceable for a mile. It has been opened about 100 feet above the level of the pond, and shows ore of greater purity than any of the others. An analysis by Prof. Charles A. Seeley, of New York, gives: Iron, 58.81; Sulphur, trace; phosphorus, trace. Here then, simply referring to the veins described as showing any development, although as stated many more unopened veins appear, is an amount of ore within easy distance by a natural grade of the Hudson and water carriage, still nearer to rail to all points South and Southwest, which cannot be exhausted in a century of mining, and which offers both a very desirable supply to the furnaces of the Hudson, of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and every facility for iron making in or near the spot. Relative to railroad communication, the New Jersey and New York Railroad Company propose connecting their present track with the mines here named at an early day, and possibly during the present season. This done the ore can be delivered to the boats on the river at a cost of not to exceed 25 cents per ton for freight, while to the furnaces of Eastern Pennsylvania it should be delivered, all rail, at a cost not to exceed 1½ cents per ton per mile. The present cost of mining and delivery of the ore at Grassy Point on the Hudson is stated to be not over \$2.50 per ton, which, allowing a profit of \$1 per ton, should leave these ores at \$3.50 f. o. b. at Hudson, or say, \$4.75 to \$5 per ton in quantity delivered to the Lehigh and Schuylkill furnaces, a price at which few ores carrying 60 per cent. metallic iron, and with equal freedom from impurities, can be obtained. The locality is, moreover, very desirable for the manufacture of iron. The extensive print works and other manufactures of Haverstraw and vicinity have already created a large coal consuming trade, and the cars which transport the fuel, offer a cheap back freight for ores.

The stove foundries of Peekskill, and the numerous industries on the river near by, afford a first-class market for a good grade of foundry pig, while hematites to be used in admixture in smelting these ores are available at various points on the east side of the Hudson, and have been frequently referred to in these columns. No more reliable market can be found for pig metal than the thriving and growing towns on the Hudson River, while the comparatively short distance and low freight to New York would enable greater profit in iron making near these ores than at most points on the river. Many prominent iron makers look upon the Hudson River as one of the most desirable localities for iron production, and in 1872 a project was nearly consummated for the erection of the most extensive furnace plant of the country on its shores

within the limits of New York city. Estimating very liberally as to cost of iron making at or near Grassy Point or vicinity with these ores, we should have:

1½ tons coal, at \$5.....	\$7.50
2 tons ore, at \$2.50.....	5.00
Limestone per ton iron.....	1.00
Labor.....	3.00
Interest and contingencies.....	1.50

Total cost at furnace.....\$18.00

The profit on present low rates of pig iron even would, we should suppose, be sufficient to induce production under such cost, and certainly leaves a margin at even lower rates if such are to obtain. The ores herein alluded to are not being mined for market at present, probably on account of the depression in the iron trade, but certainly offer an abundance of a quality which, if not now needed, must very shortly come into active request. We have here alluded to them under the very reliable data furnished by competent mining engineers and experts who have examined them, simply to show what very valuable and very great mineral wealth of iron we have within a very short distance of this great consuming market, and in the interest of those of our readers it may concern.

Mr. Bessemer's Channel Steamer.

There is every reason at this time to fear that Mr. Bessemer's channel steamer is, practically, a failure. That such is the fact does not, we think, afford any occasion for surprise. Like most men, Mr. Bessemer has cherished a hobby for a great many years: unlike most men, he has had, late in life, the means and the leisure to ride his hobby to his heart's content. During the years devoted to the great work of his life, he has derived, probably, no little pleasure from the elaboration of his idea of a swinging saloon which should preserve its equilibrium under all circumstances, and no doubt he has thought that if the time ever came in which he could allow his genius for Naval architecture a chance to display itself, he would do something far greater and more original than anything he had accomplished in the field of metallurgy. In this respect, again, Mr. Bessemer was pretty much like all other men, for every man has a hobby and every one believes that if he only could ride it at the gait which suited him best, he would accomplish wonders and be supremely happy. Well, Mr. Bessemer had his hobby, and his chance to ride it, but he finds—as most men similarly situated have found—that it don't go. That he is still hopeful of making it go, is quite natural; but it is probable he is sorely disappointed that his well-laid plans should have so far miscarried, and it is quite certain he has found by this time that hobby riding is not so pleasant as most people suppose who have not tried it.

It is, perhaps, unfair to assume, from the results of the recent trial trips, that the Bessemer is a complete failure. In appearance she is certainly as ugly as any craft afloat, if the pictures we have seen of her fairly represent her proportions and model. She is much more commodious, however, than any vessel now in the channel service, and her interior arrangements are so comfortable and elegant that she will be a more agreeable ferryboat than the little tubs which now roll across from Dover to Calais. Her length and shape together make her unwieldy, and she has two or three times been unmanageable. The swinging saloon has not yet been tested under conditions favorable to the formation of an intelligent and unprejudiced opinion of the practicability of the idea, and the fact that it was allowed to remain fixed during the public trial trip, although all the machinery for maintaining its equilibrium was in position, may be regarded as indicating that Mr. Bessemer and Mr. Reed, his architect and contractor, have no great faith in its successful working. The English papers express doubts that it will ever be regularly employed in the channel service, owing to its unmanageableness in entering and leaving the Calais harbor. This, however, remains to be determined. We certainly hope that Mr. Bessemer will succeed in making his ship a success, and that to the disappointment which he doubtless already feels will not be added the mortification of complete and final failure.

On another page of this issue we give a telegraphic report of the semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers, with the address of the president, Mr. S. S. Jewett, of Jewett & Root, Buffalo. The address is a document of much interest, and will repay careful reading.

We also continue Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell's "Notes on a Visit to Coal and Iron Mines and Iron Works in the United States." No other paper in this country has given it in extenso, and with one exception the English papers have published a short abstract only. We consider it of sufficient interest to justify its publication

in full, and are doing so from proof sheets revised by the author.

Life-Saving Apparatus for Iron Vessels.

The frightful losses of life at sea which have become so frequent since the introduction of steamers, and especially iron vessels, suggests some inquiry in regard to the causes. A steamer goes to sea to-day provided with an immense number of boats, and yet passengers and owners know that, in case of accident, not more than one out of five of the boats on board will be of any use whatever. It is a very rare thing in these days for a crew to succeed in getting more than four boats into the water in case of an accident to a steamer, and sometimes, if there is a particularly heavy sea running, not more than one can be launched in such a manner as to be at all useful in saving life. On board the ill-fated Schiller there were eight boats; in all of these only three were launched with any success, and only two survived the night of storm. In other cases, not even one boat has been made available, and the losses foot up by the hundred in the cases of individual ships. Looking back over the long list of steamers lost since the President went down without giving a sign, we find nothing in the long list of wrecks but a continued increase in the number of lives lost. Each disaster, so far, seems to be more deadly than that which went before. Naturally, people complain that with all our progress, we have not succeeded in making things safer in the way of traveling, though we have done wonders in the way of speed. It should be remembered, however, that in the olden times ships were not as large as to-day, and if one went down with all on board, as they frequently did, we were not shocked as we are to-day, because the numbers were comparatively small. But our steamers are, or are supposed to be, as well provided with boats and life saving apparatus, in proportion to the number of passengers, as were the sailing vessels of the past; why, then, should not as large a proportion be saved. In the olden time it was not unusual to find all the boats of a vessel afloat and all the crew and passengers safely embarked in them, an unheard of thing in our days.

In looking for the reasons we have first the iron ship, structurally strong, but locally not much better than so much paper. Almost any blow is sufficient to drive a hole through her thin iron sides, yet we safely lift her out of water by the middle with fifty or sixty feet of stern and bow unsupported. In a wooden ship we find great local strength, the skin is the strongest part of her, it takes an enormous blow to destroy or break through it, even though her back may be broken at the same time. As a whole, the wooden ship is weak, yet she does not break up at once; in a word, it takes time to destroy her. On the other hand, the iron ship, though strong, goes to the bottom in a hurry, in spite of water tight compartments, when she has received a comparatively slight injury. With a wooden ship there was more time to work, and, of course, more could be done toward getting a crew afloat, but this by no means accounts for the difference between the two styles of vessels.

Years ago vessels were obliged to carry a number of boats, because in a vast number of foreign ports it was necessary to discharge cargo and do a thousand and one errands between ship and shore by means of a ship's own boats. In a word, the boats were an essential portion of a vessel's outfit. Of course the men were familiar with handling them. They were put into the water in almost every harbor, and were of necessity kept in good order and the tackle for hoisting or lowering always in running order. Crews could lower and handle boats in seaway, and often the whole cargo was taken on shore from an open roadstead in a vessel's own boats without the assistance of a lighter. In cases of danger it would be expected that the crew could lower the boats, fit them out with supplies, get the passengers into them and get away from a wreck in a short time and in heavy weather. In the present day lighters and piers, with all the other arrangements for handling cargo, make the boat an unnecessary part of a ship's equipment. One of our ocean steamers comes into port and not a boat is lowered; a tugboat takes off passengers, and a shore boat, hired for the occasion, takes a line to the dock, and unless it be for drill, an ocean steamer's boats need not be started from their chocks from one year's end to another. What wonder then, that if of wood they dry up, crack, get full of useless lumber, ropes get foul, and a thousand other things happen that prevent the boats from being of any service when they are needed. The boat of the present day is an unmitigated nuisance on a steamer; the number required is so great that room to stow them cannot hardly be found, and, if the ship keels over, as she is pretty certain to do if

she strikes a rock, half of them cannot be lowered at all. There is really no excuse for boats shrinking and becoming unseaworthy because metallic boats can be used, which are not likely to get harmed unless they rust out, which will not happen when they are well painted and kept so, as is commonly the case.

Another cause of the loss of life on board iron vessels is found in the fact that there is usually nothing from which a raft can be constructed. In many cases of shipwreck in the olden time the raft was the great means for saving life. With boats stove and the wreck hopelessly drifting, the first thing to be done was to get spars and construct a raft. There was generally enough of timber, and the worse the wreck the more fragments could be got to make the raft from. Whole ships' companies have taken to rafts and escaped death by means of them. Now on an iron ocean steamer the chance of making a raft is a mere nothing, every stick of timber about the ship big enough to float a cat is secured solidly to some mass of iron, every mast and all the spars of any size are now preferably made of iron, all of the standing rigging is wire rope and no small part of the running rigging is of chain—poor material, it must be confessed, upon which to place any hope of floating. In the olden time it often happened that when the spars came down alongside or upon the deck a raft could be made and fitted out with water and provisions before the wreck broke up. These rafts were readily made of such size as to hold a goodly part of a ship's company. Such things are no longer possible; with iron masts, spars and bulwarks the iron ship has almost nothing about her upon which a man may float, and a boat bottom up is the last thing to approach hoping for safety. It would be much more available if smashed and made up into a bundle. In fact many of the boats, miscalled life-boats, would be of more value if broken up and made into rafts, than in their present shape.

Lastly, we have the character of the men making up the crew. In the olden time sailors were needed on board a ship, and to make a decent sailor a man must have in him some of the stuff of which heroes are made. Such men can work in danger, can obey orders in danger, can put women and children in boats and take their risks with the wreck when need be. But the modern steamship don't need sailors; she is manned, as a rule, by what may be called laborers, who are no better than so many landmen in time of danger. The result is, that when the ship strikes the rocks the cowards rush for the boats and prevent the women and children from entering. Such men are easily demoralized, the least panic is enough to drive them wild or render the officers powerless. There has hardly been a single wreck of a transatlantic steamer in the last dozen years, in which the crew have not made a rush for the boats, and have been kept in hand by the officers with difficulty, if at all. It is hard work to make such men brave in the presence of danger, and when tried they fail. Your regular old salt rather looks down upon this class of men.

What are the remedies? In the first place, do away with the boats; two or three are enough for any ordinary vessel, and they should be used, if for no other reason than to teach both men and officers how to lower them. Boats with all their fancy rigging are no good, for they upset, fill with water, carry little in proportion to their size, and, above all, are in the way and cannot be lowered except in rare cases. Life rafts promise best, for they can be thrown overboard, and are as easily handled as a deeply loaded boat, and much safer. They may be stowed so as not to be in the way. They are not liable to be stove like boats, and at the last they will float when the ship goes down, that is, if they are properly secured. Life preservers are all very well, but their record in shipwreck is rather insignificant. Their value may be great, but what they have done is not much spoken of. There would have been a much smaller loss of life in all the recent cases of iron steamers sinking had there been anything left floating when the steamer went down. What good is a life preserver if you are left afloat in the middle of the Atlantic with one? The chances are that you will be drowned by the spoon-drift, as were the ladies who tried to reach shore from the Schiller. Some of the morning papers say that a life raft would have been of little avail in the rough water around the Schiller. Possibly not, but we think that a life raft, with one or two real sailors on it, instead of such men as made up the crew of that vessel, would have shown a good record in life saving, even off the Scilly Islands. We need not specify the different life rafts in the market; they are abundant, and if these do not suit, others can be invented. That they are seaworthy has been proved by the fact that a raft of this kind has crossed the Atlantic,

and that they do not require skill in lowering of the fact that one thrown over the side of a ship is all right, no matter which side up it may come to the surface.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STOVE MANUFACTURERS.

Semi-Annual Meeting at St. Louis.

(By Telegram to The Iron Age.)

ST. LOUIS, June 9th, 1875.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers met at the Lindell House to-day. About 50 members were present. The transaction of business was deferred until to-morrow, when it is expected that the attendance will be larger. The following is the address of the president of the Association, Mr. S. S. Jewett:

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIR.

GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION: In my dispatch accepting the presidency of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers, I expressed the opinion that an organization "embracing so much ability, and representing so large an amount of capital, can accomplish much to the mutual advantage of consumers, dealers and manufacturers of stoves." The objects of this Association, as defined by the preamble to our constitution, are to "obtain full information of the statistics and condition of the stove trade of this country, promote the frequent interchange of ideas in regard to the manufacture of the same, and secure harmonious action in all matters pertaining to its interest." The desire to advance a common interest prompted the experiment of this organization, and its results have, thus far, more than met the most sanguine expectations of its founders. We have banded better than we knew. If any anticipated a combination to control absolutely the prices of the articles we manufacture, and the establishment of a monopoly, they have been disappointed; but those who held broader opinions, and recognized the advantages of co-operation, and of gathering at which suggestion and experience combine to form the basis of future action, have been more firmly established in their convictions of the value of the Association.

What we have learned, practically and in detail from each other is of very great value, the fact that we have learned to know each other better, and to trust each other, is far more important. Asperities have been softened, friendships strengthened, and the members have gradually come to regard each other as workers in a common cause, each ambitious to contribute something to the mutual welfare. Enlightened selfishness—which some one has made a synonym for patriotism—is unquestionably the inspiration of all individual and concerted effort. But each man, working intelligently for his own interests, employing his ingenuity, his energy, his experience and his capital in the largest possible degree to the public benefit. To a certain extent the successes and failures of men become common property. We learn what to imitate and emulate, as well as what to discard and avoid, and in the case of our Association, we meet twice a year to examine the records of our transactions, and balance the accounts between policies that have proved erroneous and those that have proved advantageous. And in this manner we gain wisdom and strength.

I have spoken of the Association as of equal importance to the dealers in and purchasers of stoves as well as to the manufacturers. All the advantages in point of economy in production, excellence of workmanship, durability and beauty in design which we can gain, must necessarily be shared with those who retail, and those who use the stoves we make. We have learned and they have learned that manufacturers' prices should be fixed as low as will afford a moderate profit; that large profits induce overproduction and disastrous competition; that nothing is to be permanently gained by demanding extravagant prices for our products. Such a moderate and reasonable basis secures the establishment of prices which are more uniformly satisfactory to all consumers, dealers and manufacturers.

Gradually, and as one of the results of our organization, stove manufacturing has become more clearly recognized as a business in which only those who combine talent, fidelity and capital can hope to be successful. Dealers and purchasers understand this and govern themselves accordingly. They know as well as we that the cost of manufacturing is not very variable, and the changes in the prices of pig iron are as accessible to them as to the largest manufacturer.

If I am correct in these statements, the business of stove manufacturing is established on a sound and honorable basis, and one which must prove alike beneficial to those who convert the raw material into articles of necessary use, and to those who deal in and purchase them.

This fact, however, does not limit the sphere of individual enterprise, nor place all manufacturers upon an equality. There are still questions—of the quantity of production—of economy in manufacturing—of economy in fuel—of judgment as to the wants of localities—of style, ornamentation and finish.

THE QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION.

At the Albany meeting in February, 1874, I stated that, in my opinion, the production of stoves was too large, and that the common interest would be promoted by a reduction of 33 per cent. The experience of the past year, and the outlook for the present year, have changed this opinion. On the contrary, it is strengthened, and on this point I wish to present the views of one of the most thoughtful, careful and able men in our Association. I refer to Mr. Giles F. Filley, president of the Excelsior Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis. In a recent letter, he says: "Last year I took some pains to arrive at the capacity of our country for making stoves, the product, the sales and the stock remaining on hand January 1, 1875, with the following results:

	No. Stoves.
Capacity of all the foundries in the United States.....	1,500,000
Quantity manufactured.....	852,400
Sales made.....	906,000
Stock on hand January, 1875.....	203,000

"I think these figures are nearly correct. I find there is a great desire, on the part of manufacturers, to overestimate their business, both in product and sales, and I am of the opinion that under what we might call a healthy trade there is at least 33 per cent. greater capacity for making stoves than the country requires."

I will not detain the Association with a statement of the evils of overproduction, nor demonstrate that it is alike fatal to all parties connected with the trade. If more stoves are produced than can be sold, a manufacturer's capital remains unproductive; the stock becomes unsaleable and must be sacrificed, and his workmen must be put on short time or be unemployed altogether. At the present time the accumulation of large stocks is not wise. The facility with which stoves can now be turned out, and be transported to any market, makes it practicable for manufacturers to meet any sudden demand,

I wish to call your attention to a fact stated in the recent address of David A. Wells before the meeting of the American Social Science Association, in Detroit, as bearing on this subject. He says: "I do not think any one can review the industrial experience of the United States, as a whole, since 1860, and not feel satisfied that our average gain to the power of production during that time, and in spite of the war, has not been less than from 15 to 20 per cent. I would recall to you that three men now, with the aid of machinery, can produce as much in given time as six men could have done in 1860; that we have 40,000 more miles of railroad now than we then had to assist us in the work of exchange and distribution; that we can send our telegrams now for less than half what it actually cost to do the work in 1860; and finally, taking the Pennsylvania Central Railroad as a type, that we can send our freight at an average of 1-48 of a cent per ton per mile, as compared with charges of 2-41 cents on the same road for the same service in 1864."

Under these circumstances, it is clearly for the common interest of the members of our organization to manufacture very slightly in excess of the current demand, and to profit from the experience of the past, which has demonstrated that the practice of manufacturing in advance large stocks of stoves can no longer be safely followed. The people are commencing by degrees the exercise of the much-neglected virtue of economy in personal and household expenditure, and will not purchase beyond their actual necessities.

ECONOMY IN MANUFACTURING.

"How to manufacture most economically?" is the most difficult of all the questions which press upon the attention of our members. The stoves of our country are made in a variety of ways, and the cost of the production of each, and possibly, none of them take into consideration all the items which make up the total cost. There are so many items which are variable, incidental and contingent, that there can be no absolute unit of the cost of a stove of plates. The most that can be said, without danger of exaggeration, is, that our manufacturers recognize the importance of carefully watching every step in the process of the production of a stove, and of endeavoring, by perfect system and by the division of labor into departments, to secure the best workmanship at the least practicable expense. Carelessness involves loss at every stage in the process of manufacture, and the cause of loss may be more especially in the mounting room, but more especially in the pattern department, where heavy expenses are incurred. The problem of economy is one that each manufacturer must solve for himself, and each must contribute to the common good by fortifying against robbery "over against his own house."

ECONOMY IN FUEL.

In former times it was quite expensive and unsatisfactory to burn wood in the open air, and nearly as costly, but more cheerful, to burn it in a grate or deep fire-places which were built into the old-fashioned chimneys and ventilated the dwellings of those primitive days and carried off more than half the heat. There came the original—or better, perhaps, the aboriginal—box stove, a rude contrivance for deriving the least possible degree of heat from the consumption of the greatest practicable quantity of fuel. It may be said that in this the stove is a failure, more than balanced by the loss of health incident to close rooms and vitiated air. But I am not here to argue this point. It does, however, afford me pleasure to say that modern hygiene and modern architecture are doing much to determine satisfactorily that we can have warmth and pure air; that we can have stoves and furnaces every well appointed kitchen stove should, on a scale of both health and economy, of fuel and vapor.

The chimney back log and the box stove are numbered with the past, and in their stead we have cooking and heating stoves in which improvements of greater or less value are made every year. In the cooking stove it may safely be said that the minimum of the consumption of fuel has been reached, and that the reduction in the quantity required has been fully 50 per cent. during the past twenty years. Another feature worth mentioning is the convenience and the economy of time and temper in connection with the indispensable article of kitchen furniture. The cook or the housewife can broil, and boil, and fry and bake, all at the same time, and bring her dishes hot to the table at once. Not more than half the time formerly required is now necessary to prepare the family meal; and, when it is over, there is no more scolding because the water is not hot—that is to say, if the stove has a reservoir, as every well appointed kitchen stove should, on the score of both health and economy. The variety of cooking stoves is very extensive and their name is legion; but the best now manufactured are quite simple in construction and not liable to be out of order, and this is true alike of those arranged to burn wood and anthracite or bituminous coal.

The great practical invention, for many years, has been the invention of the base burning stove and the improvements in its construction and use. There is something to be said in its favor on the score of economy, but much more on account of its convenience and the comforts it affords the family and the business man. The furnace can now keep his house warm during the night as well as the day, and the stove keeper and the manufacturer can commence business in apartments not wholly frigid, even in the coldest of weather. By the inventions which enable the coal to be consumed gradually and as it is needed; which convey the heat to all parts of the radiating surface and utilize it at every point, which produce the greatest possible degree of warmth with the least practicable consumption of fuel, there is produced a steady and reliable temperature. In the most exposed of dwellings it is no longer necessary to go to bed to keep warm, and to rise before day to avoid being frozen. The base burning stove, with little attention, maintains a reasonable equality of temperature. It is not important to the purposes of this meeting to detail the form of the diving flue, nor to explain the distinction between the base burner and the base heater. This large family of stoves have proved private and public blessings. With their flueless windows and their cleanly habits, they have been the cause of thousands of homes, and reduced largely the labor and the discomfort attendant upon winter in country and city. There is really no limit to the heating power to be developed by stoves of this description. They can be made to warm with certainty the smallest apartment, and a capacious manufactory floor or a public hall. They can be made to do duty upon more than one story of a building, and can be regulated to all the demands of a variable climate.

In this connection it is proper to speak of a problem, difficult of solution, and one of great practical importance. I refer to the invention of a heating stove that will economically and satisfactorily burn coal. The stove of the future, which is in excess, particularly Western bituminous coals, is destructive to iron. An instance is on record where an iron pot two and one-half inches thick subjected to a white heat from Iowa coal for four days was so disintegrated by the action of sulphur as to be capable of crumbling by the pressure of the fingers. The trouble and expense of cooking this coal will not be resorted to in localities

where wood or anthracite coal are moderately cheap. It is a matter of uncertainty whether the difficulty to which I have called attention can be entirely obviated or removed; but those who are experimenting in this direction deserve encouragement, and the progress of science may yet determine how more cheaply to remove the sulphur from the coal, or how to treat iron so that it can resist the destructive influence of the sulphur.

JUDGMENT AS TO THE WANTS OF LOCALITIES.

An important element of success in the manufacture of stoves is that of judgment and forecast in the production of the varieties and the number which different localities will require. A new stove involves no little thought and study—no little calculation and preparation, and I need not say, no little outlay in money. There is the design, in regard to which opinions are sure to be as thick as leaves in the fall. Then the wood patterns reproduced in iron, the casting, the mounting, the finishing, and then, perhaps, the sale! All this must be commenced generally a year or more before the stove can be offered in the market, so that the manufacturer must think and work at least a full year ahead. When the stove is at last produced, then follows the test by fire. Here the most watchful care is required. Every plate must be of a suitable form and thickness to stand the intense heat; their bearings and joints must be so constructed as to endure the expansion and contraction incident to their use. Such observations cannot be made complete in a few days; a thorough and satisfactory test demands weeks and months of trial under fire. Even then a wise precaution dictates the sale of but a limited number, in order to ascertain their action when in general use. The importance of this point cannot be over-estimated, as I have been cognizant, even recently, of serious losses caused by a violation of it.

Furthermore, thousands upon thousands of dollars are annually thrown away in disastrous experiments. The sanguine inventor, who foresees "millions in it," ascertains, to his cost and mortification, that his lack of judgment, or lack of mechanical knowledge, has involved him in embarrassment, if not ruin. It has often occurred to me that there is no branch of manufactures in which so many and varied acquisitions and endowments are demanded and can be profitably employed, as in that of stoves.

We are called upon to supply stoves adapted to climates of all temperatures from the torrid to the frigid zone—adapted to the customs and prejudices of people of all nationalities—adapted to the wants of the farmer of the mountains and the farmer of the prairies, and to the tastes of all the classes and conditions of men who reside in villages and cities. It requires practical knowledge and experience to make a stove; but it requires more to know what manner of stove to make for the uses of the people who are expected to buy it. A stove superceded and out of style falls as flat on the market as would an invoice of the "loves of hats" which the ladies rejoiced in last season, and despise as "perfect frights" this blessed summer.

The stove manufacturer must, in some way, familiarize himself with the people who are to be his customers; must anticipate their wants, and, if possible, determine the fashions. The change in the mode of doing business in all the departments of trade requires additional precaution and judgment on the part of the manufacturer. Dealers in stoves do not, as formerly, buy large quantities once a year. The manufacturer is thus relieved from carrying a large stock, and can readily adapt his product to the requirements of trade. He knows that old styles must go out of market, and new styles take the preference, and that the losses on the excess of stock must fall on him. The dealer, except to the limited extent of ten or one hundred stoves, passes out of his calculation, and the individual purchasers, who count by hundreds and thousands, come to the front.

STYLE, ORNAMENTATION AND FINISH.

In a paper recently read before the Architectural Society of London, upon gold ornaments, reference was made to the superior artistic excellence of Greek goldsmiths' work, combined as it is with a great simplicity of design and workmanship. The author styled this the "reticent power" of Greek design, and it is this characteristic which, perhaps more than any other, distinguishes antique from modern art.

The antique artist was desirous to show how perfectly and effectively he could do just what was required, or what the subject demanded, and allowed scope for, and no more. The modern idea of the ornamentation of stoves has been quite the reverse. Plates have been overloaded with designs out of all character and harmony with this article of furniture—designs at once extravagant and grotesque.

There is every reason why the stove, in its humble way, should be beautiful and teach the love of the beautiful. The style or form should be artistically correct, and the ornamentative designs should be suggestive rather than explanatory—just enough to illustrate and emphasize simplicity.

With the progress of culture and the increase of wealth, greater attention is paid to the interior decoration of private residences and public buildings, and, year by year, among the better educated classes, there is more of the reticent and less of the demonstrative in ornament. This should be the fact in regard to stoves.

Historical paintings cannot be effectively produced in iron. Elaborate architectural designs, as a whole or in part, are not commended to public favor by moulding them in sand. But there is no lack of subjects which can be properly handled by simple geometric figures.

The system of curved lines terminating in simple ornaments; the wreath which consists in curves with ornaments in leaves and flowers; scroll work which may be arranged to supplement emblematic designs—these are the styles of ornamentation which do most benefit all stoves, and they may be produced in alto rilievo or basso relieve, in accordance with individual taste. As a rule, ornaments stamped or cast in iron and attached to the stove do not add to its attractiveness, and certainly not to its utility. Now that so much attention is paid to the proportions of heating stoves and to their adaptation in style to the uses of rooms, I trust that these general suggestions will prove acceptable.

MORTUARY RECORD.

Associations are no guarantee against the visits of the destroying angel. The year records the death of two of our members.

Since our last meeting, one of the pioneers of the stove trade in this country has died—Mr. Hudson E. Bridge, of St. Louis. This sad event occurred on the twenty-fifth of February last. Mr. Bridge came to St. Louis in 1837, and engaged in the stove business in connection with tinners' stock. The castings he then purchased were made by the various pig iron furnaces of Tennessee, and of iron run directly from the furnace. He continued this business until about the year 1845, when he came to the manufacture of stoves, establishing the first foundry west of the Mississippi River. In 1850, in connection with his brother, he built the Empire Stove Foundry, and remained in the business up to the time of his death. He was a man of remarkable business capacity and of the strictest integrity; commencing life with nothing save his industry and energy, amassed a fortune estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

For the last ten years of his life, his time and energy were principally occupied in railroad enterprises and other public works projected for the benefit of his city. He died of organic disease, at the age of 65.

Daniel H. Mears, senior member of the house of Messrs. Olmsted & Co., died at Cincinnati on the 30th of April. He was born in Cincinnati in 1821, and was the second son of Mr. John H. Mears, who emigrated to this country from England, and whose name is identified with the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. He received his education in Augusta College, Ky. He is represented in the press of his city as a business man of sterling worth, a devoted Christian and a liberal man. He was clear-headed, remarkably correct in his judgments, a firm friend, and a Christian gentleman of enlarged views of man, nature and ethics. He was a Mason in high standing, and for eight years Master of N. C. Harmony Lodge. I had not the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, but his record is that of an upright, devoted, hard-working and successful business man.

If I correctly comprehend the value and utility of this Association, I am satisfied that its proceedings should be made public, and that its sessions should be held twice in each year. We have nothing to conceal from the dealers in and the consumers of our products, and once in six months is not too often to meet for consultations of this character, the comparison of our personal observations, and the general interchange of opinions in regard to the future of our business.

Our meetings have been held at New York, Cincinnati, Albany, Long Branch, Pittsburgh, Niagara Falls and Chicago, and now we have come to the metropolis of the Southwest—the great and growing city, standing almost midway between the Eastern and Western oceans and the Gulf of Mexico and the Northern inland seas, and content to make the whole country tributary to her present and prospective prosperity. The Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and their confluence bring down the agricultural wealth of millions of partially developed acres which increases with more than compound interest year by year. The railroads stretching to every point of the compass, and reaching into every locality which has produce to sell or merchandise to purchase, invite and foster trade. Not relying solely on the advantages conferred by natural position and gained by enterprise and energy, St. Louis is rapidly becoming a manufacturing city. She wisely seeks not only to make her commissions upon the handling of property seeking other markets, but to coin money for herself by adding to the raw material the increased value which comes from the combination of capital and labor. Combining all the elements of permanent prosperity, fed by a region of country rich in agricultural and mineral resources, controlled in her business interests by gentlemen who illustrate the virtues of the people of the North and the South, St. Louis of to-day is only the prophecy of the St. Louis of the future.

I should fail to do justice to myself and to the members of this Association should I neglect to express my own personal obligation, and that of our associates, to the man to whom, more than any other one member, we are indebted for the success of this organization. One of the oldest and most thorough of the stove manufacturers of the country, comprehending fully the growing importance of the business and the principles which underlie it, studios of the best methods of developing and strengthening it, John S. Perry, of Albany, was very properly made the first president of the Association, and has been continued in the position up to the last meeting. He was an early convert to the advantages of concert of action, and has contributed very largely to the common fund of information which has made our proceedings valuable. He has cheerfully given us the advantage of his long experience, his careful research and his scholarly wisdom.

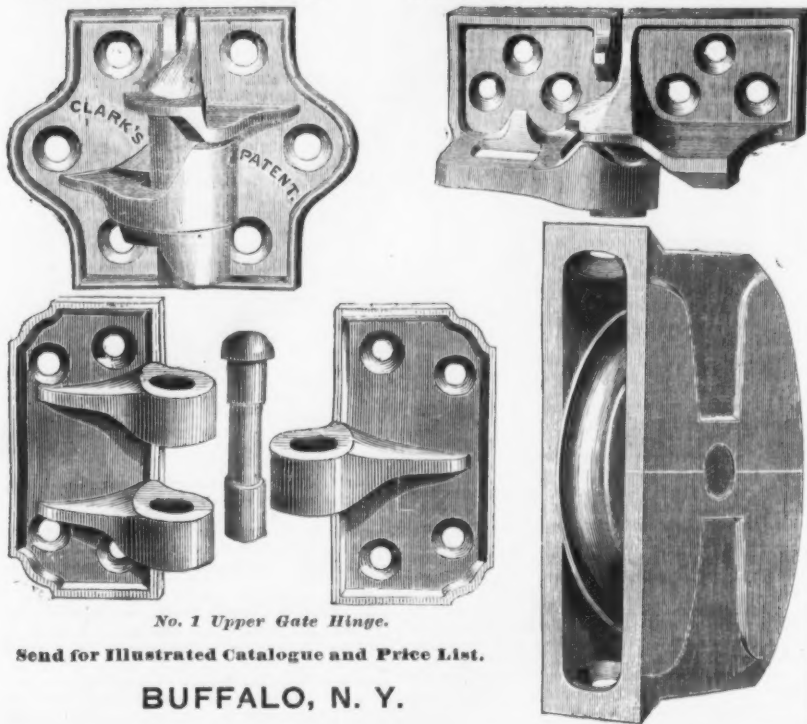
Poetry and sentiment are not intimately associated in the popular mind with the manufacture of stoves, and though an admirer of poetry and a lover of true sentiment, I would not indulge in either on this occasion. You will permit me, however, gentlemen of the Association, to relate an incident which has had a great influence on my business life. Standing on the highest elevation of the mountains of New England, in the bright sunshine of a July morning, more than 30 years ago, overlooking the territory of three States, I saw a cloud gather and the rain fall. Above me was the clear, azure sky; below me Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks, the White Mountains and the pleasant hills and valleys of Vermont, dotted here and there with village and spires. The sun shone on the tops of the banks of cloud and made it radiant; beneath I knew it was black and dismal. One-third of the horizon was blotted out, and two-thirds was glorious. I thought then, as I have thought many times since, that, if one could always occupy a position of sufficient elevation, he would recognize the fact that clouds are always beneath the man who looks upward to the source of light, and that never more than one-third of the horizon is shut out from view. The cloud has its mission as well as the sunshine. Let us learn wisdom from each.

There is now on exhibition in St. Louis a mass of native copper that is attracting much attention, and which will be exhibited at the Centennial at Philadelphia next year. It was taken from a mine on Isle Royal, Lake Superior, is heart-shaped, and weighs 6000 pounds, exceeding by nearly double the weight of the famous copper boulder which was transported many years ago from the same region to the Smithsonian Institute at a cost to the government of \$540. The specimen exhibits the pure copper to the eye and contains ninety-eight per cent. of the metal. It was taken from an ancient mine, about seventeen feet below the surface, and when found had evidently been detached from its bed by the ancient miners. A number of pieces of copper beside the mass were found, weighing from an ounce to seventeen pounds, evidently clipped by the old miners. Stone hammers weighing from ten to thirty pounds have also been found by the hundred, either perfect or broken from use. To what race these ancient miners belonged can only be conjectured. Probably they belonged to the prehistoric mound builders, who worked in metals long anterior to the Indian races. At least numerous evidences of their occupancy were discovered by the early Jesuit explorers, while specimens clipped by them from the copper rocks are found scattered over nearly the whole country.

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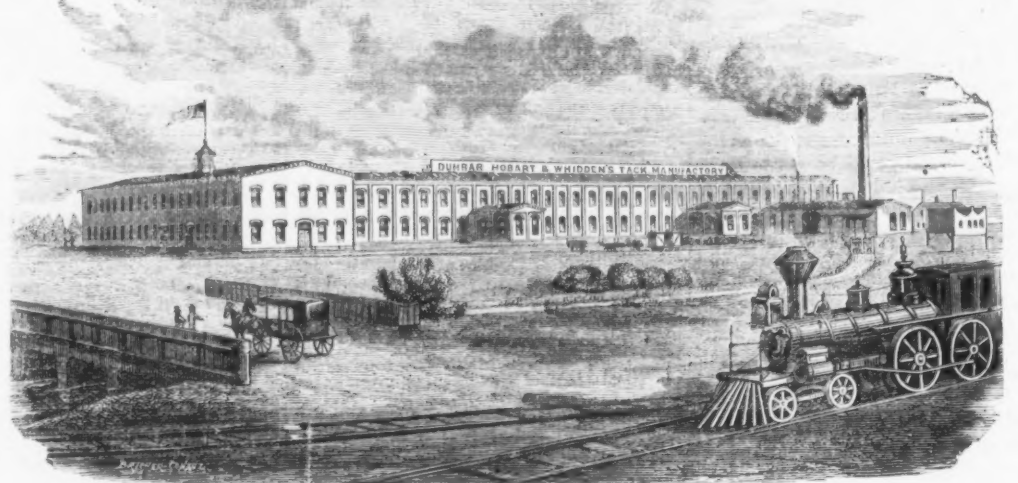
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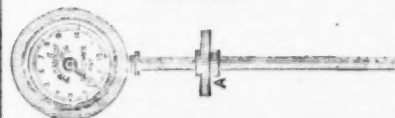
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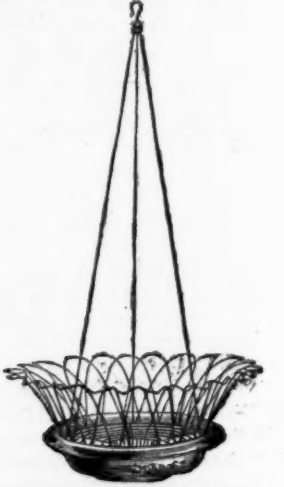


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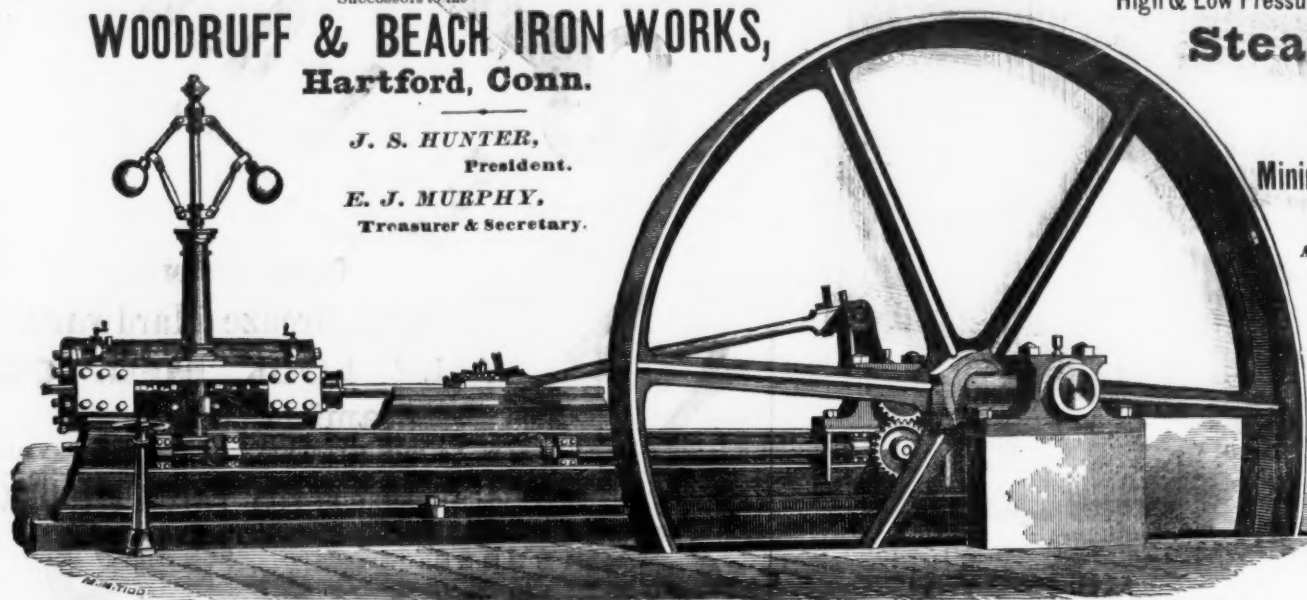
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Resistance of Rails.

M. Ch. Conche, Inspector General of Mines
in France, who publishes a serial work on
"The Permanent Way, Rolling Stock and
Technical Working of Railways," has, in a re-
cent number, taken up the question of the
"Weakening of Vignole Rails by the Notch of
the Shoe."

Intermediate notches, although they diminish
to a considerable extent the resistance of iron
rails, especially against shocks, still leave a
sufficient excess of resistance to make a break-
age very rare on well kept lines. But the case
is very different with Bessemer rails; then the
diminution of resistance is enormous. It is well
to point out the state of a question, the impor-
tance of which has not yet attracted the atten-
tion of engineers. In testing iron rails, with
and without notches, by falling weights, the
results P and H (the weight of the monkey
multiplied by the height found necessary to pro-
duce rupture) have been as 100 to 70 for rails
of superior quality, and as 100 to 50 for ordina-
ry rails. With the same monkey, but falling
from a greater height on Bessemer rails, the fol-
lowing results were obtained: 100 to 50 with
hard metal and half round notches, 100 to 30
same metal with square notches, and 100 to 20
with softer metal and square notches.

M. Sevene, engineer-in-chief of the Orleans
Railway Company, at the request of the direct-
ors of the Creusot Works, made experiments
on steel rails being manufactured there. The
first was a static test, pressure without shock,
the points of support being one meter apart.
The notched rail broke with a load of 30 tons;
the unnotched one required 55 tons to break it.
The second experiment was with a monkey, 300
kilograms in weight. The unnotched rails only
broke when the fall reached 3.250 m. to 3.700
m.; the others, receiving the falling weight
over the notch, broke with a fall of only 0.600
m. and 0.700 m. Result, about 100 to 19. The
notch would be of little importance were it cer-
tain that the sleepers always afford an effective
support, but this is far from being the case al-
ways, and if, by imperfect ramming, the rail
has not a perfect bearing at the reduced part,
it is certain that the chance of rupture is great-
ly increased.

The conclusions derived from the above ex-
periments are: (1) That the reduction of the
rail has less effect with regard to shocks in the
case of iron than of steel rails; (2) that if, for
an instant, we suppose the power of resistance
of an unnotched iron rail against a shock to be
only half that of a similar rail in Bessemer
steel, we find that with square cut notches it
will be in iron $\frac{1}{2}$ = 35-100 of the solid rail,
and in Bessemer metal, 30-100, giving 15-100 in
favor of the iron rail; (3) that, therefore, the
permanent way in Bessemer metal requires
more careful ramming beneath the sleepers than
a like permanent way in iron to prevent false
bearing at the weakened point.

M. Ch. Conche is not quite right in stating
that the above facts have escaped the attention
of engineers. On the Lyons line fractures have
always been attributed to the weakening of the
rail in the manner referred to, and on the north-
ern and eastern lines the rails are not notched;
and more than that, all rails are rejected which
have flaws in the shoe, as the slightest flaw will
cause a rail to break at 0.50 m.

Enterprise at East Carondelet.—The
works of the Meier Iron and Steel Company,
East Carondelet, Mo., are rapidly approaching
completion. These works, when completed,
will cover 100 acres of ground; they will be by
far the largest, finest and most complete and
substantial of any works in the West, and per-
haps in the whole country. The main building
is already up, and the furnaces are nearly com-
pleted. These immense works will be run by
three powerful engines, each of which weigh
100 tons, were made by Gerard B. Allen, of St.
Louis, are already set up and will soon be
tested. It is said that these works, when com-
pleted, will have cost between \$2,000,000 and
\$3,000,000, and that they will employ many
hundreds of skilled workmen, beside a number
of ordinary laborers. East Carondelet, where
these works are located, is about two miles
from the village of Prairie du Pont, south, and
between three and four miles south of the an-
cient village of Cahokia. It is estimated that
there will be 200 additional houses erected there
this summer, and that the completion of the
new Meier works will necessitate the erection
of at least 100 more. Nor is this all, for nego-
tiations are already pending with enterprising
firms, looking toward the erection of cotton
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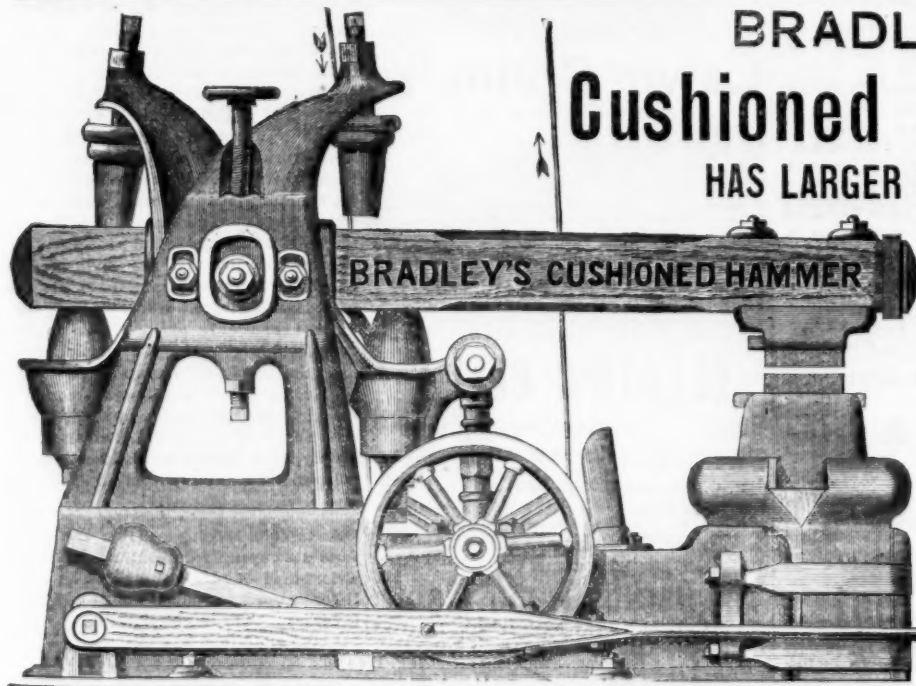
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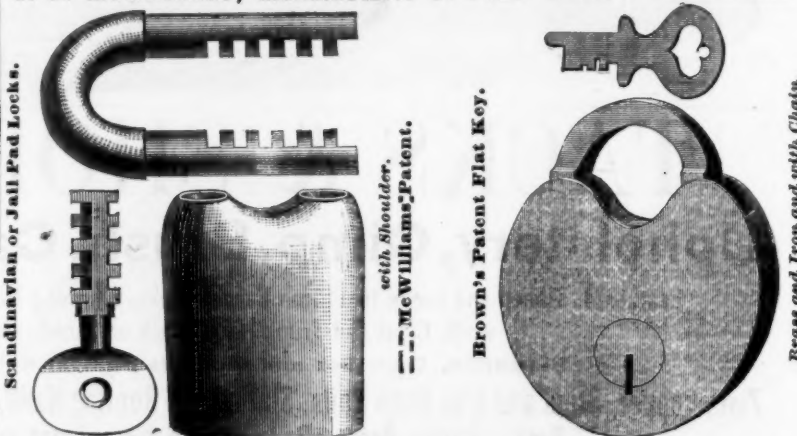
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ORES OF IRON.

We may now proceed to consider the various iron ores, many of which, as will be seen, are found in great abundance in different localities of this highly favored region. From this general expression the spathose carbonate of iron must be excepted, but then, in Europe, this variety of ore is, after all, of comparatively rare occurrence.

By far the most important deposit of spathose carbonate of iron is that near Eisenerz, in Styria, the maximum produce of which was given me upon the occasion of a visit paid to it in 1865, at less than 100,000 tons a year. At Stallberg and Siegen, in Prussia, it is also mined, and, to a limited extent, spathose ore is obtained from the Brendon hills, in Somersetshire. It occurs, also, in moderate quantities in the veins which traverse the mountain limestone in Alston Moor and Weardale, of which the latter is smelted at the furnaces near Wolsingham. At Iron, in Spain, spathose ore and a brown hematite, evidently altered crystallized carbonate, were extracted to the extent of from 30,000 to 40,000 tons per annum at the period of my visiting that country in 1872. It is, perhaps, also worthy of remark that the ironstone of the Lias and Oolite groups, which furnish about one-third of the pig iron made in the United Kingdom, seems to be entirely wanting in the United States; indeed, I am not aware of the existence of a district in which the rocks of these formations are laid down in any geological map.

MAGNETIC IRON ORE.

In the vast mountain range, consisting of different groups of elevated regions, and extending from almost the extreme northern boundaries of the United States far down into the State of Alabama, ores of different species are met with. We will commence with the variety known as the magnetic, beginning with the deposits worked in the Adirondack Mountains close to Lake Champlain.

The mine I visited is some six miles from Port Henry. The ore comes up to the clay as a vein, varying from 150 to 200 feet in width. Into this they have excavated to a depth of 125 feet, and bored beyond this downward, at one place 80, and at another to 147 feet. The vein soon leaves the surface and descends under the rock, chiefly metamorphic, in which direction it has been explored to a distance of 1000 feet. We have thus a huge prism, as it were, of ore, about 200 feet square, descending, no one knows how far, at an angle of from 36° to 40°.

The superincumbent rock is supported by pillars of solid ore 40 feet square at the base, and about 20 at the top, with a light of considerably more than 100 feet. The miners formerly earned 9/9 per diem, but the rate is now only two-thirds of this sum, working 10 hours five days in the week, and eight on Saturdays. Reckoned upon the entire staff of men engaged at the bottom—that is, miners, breakers and wheelers, two tons per man per day may be taken as the average produce. At this mine near Port Henry, as much as 300,000 tons have been extracted in one year, and yet 25 years ago it was sold to the present owners for less than £1000. Since then, however, large sums have been expended on it for increasing the output, and in connecting the working with Lake Champlain by means of a railway.

In appearance the ore is frequently dense and amorphous, but it also occurs in a granulated semi-crystalline form. It is interspersed in some places more or less with phosphate of lime, and, as a rule, the vein contains too much phosphorus to render it serviceable for Bessemer iron. It is stated that there are four known veins in this neighborhood running from 12 to 15 feet in thickness. The ore of one vein, which is smelted at the Crown Point Works, on Lake Champlain, is sufficiently pure to be available for Bessemer iron. There is a third opening a little to the north of the town of Port Henry worked by the iron company of that name.

The total weight of ore worked in this district was estimated at rather more than 500,000 tons a year. Its cost varies from 6/ to 11/6 per ton, and its selling price from 20/ to 28/ per ton at the lake's side. The yield in the furnace differs according to the quality; some samples give as low as 55 per cent., and some as high as 65 per cent.

The deposition of the gneiss rocks, in the State of New Jersey, would appear to have been accompanied by an extensive and simultaneous deposit of magnetic iron ore. In some cases this oxide has settled from the waters which held it in suspension, pretty free from the presence of the earths which constitute the rock itself; at other times the ore is a good deal intermixed with the earthy matter of the accompanying strata. Hence the variations in richness of ore from different mines, or even from the same opening. These beds of ore, originally horizontal, have been tilted up, so that their present position appears to be that of veins more or less perpendicular.

In the State of New Jersey, there are above 100 mines, but many of these are of an extremely insignificant character. My visits and inquiries were confined to the more important, situated in the neighborhood of the town of Dover. That known as the Dickinson Mine is a deposit ranging from 12 to 40 feet in thickness, but in this is occasionally included masses of useless matter, which, in mining phraseology, go by the name of "horres." Its dimensions, in a direction perpendicular to the thickness named above, vary from 150 to 300 feet. This flattened mass of ore descends into the ground at a pretty steep angle, about 45°. In addition to this, instead of lying perpendicularly on its edge, the bed is also inclined at an angle of 45°. The ore contains phosphorus, and yields nearly 60 per cent. of metal in the furnace. The annual produce has usually been about 20,000 tons a year.

In the Hibernia mine, from which as much as 45,000 tons per annum are obtained, the ore lies in ribs or layers separated by hornblende schist. In one instance, there is a layer of ore 5 feet separated from another 6 feet in thickness by 5 feet of the schist. The average yield of iron was given at 55 per cent.

Any one acquainted with mining science will easily perceive that a hard mineral, like the one in question, and placed as described, cannot be cheaply worked. As far as I could learn, every man engaged in or about the mine represented 1½ or 2 tons of ore per diem. The best miners

earn about 7/6 per day of eight hours. The royalty paid on the ore is nearly 3/ per ton, and probably in any new lease it would be even higher, owing to the great demand for this description of ore for the furnaces in the Lehigh Valley and its neighborhood.

So far as I could ascertain, the cost of the ore delivered at the railway by carts is sometimes as low as 17/6 per ton, and varies from this at the best mines to 22/6 at others less favorably circumstanced.

In the State of New York, similar deposits of magnetic ore are worked, but not having had an opportunity of examining them, I must pass on to a very remarkable deposit at Cornwall, in Pennsylvania, about 80 miles N.W. of Philadelphia.

At a point where the metamorphic rocks abut on the Triassic Sandstone, a large mass of trap rock protrudes. In front of the latter, that is, between the trap and the sandstone, is a ridge of elevated rock, about three-quarters of a mile in length, with a mean width of about 500 feet. This crest contains two depressions which divide it into three prominences, known as the Big-hill, the Middle-hill and the Grassy-hill. The first named is the highest, rising in the most elevated part to 350 feet. Bore holes have been put down in the small valleys just mentioned to a depth of from 50 to 175 feet in solid ore, and as the 350 feet rising above the surface consists also of solid ore, it is quite possible the deposit in the Big-hill may be 500 feet in thickness by more than this in width. We will, however, confine ourselves to the 350 feet of the day from the Big-hill. A railway starting from the low ground runs as a spiral, round the hill, and alongside of it the ore is worked in benches as high as the top of the wagons. The ore is soft and consequently easily drilled. A shot loosens enough to enable each man to detach and shovel into the wagons 10 tons for his day's work, for which he receives 4/3 or less than 6/ per ton. The mine, or quarry rather, is private property, hence there is no royalty to be paid, so that probably the actual cost of the ore is not much above 1/ per ton, while the selling price at the present moment, at a period of extreme depression, is 17/10. As much as 230,000 tons of ore have been obtained in one year, in fact, any quantity—it was stated 5000 tons per day—could be worked from this wonderful mass of magnetic ore.

It is only in recent years that the produce of this Cornwall mine has been in much request. The ore contains so much sulphur, that in dry weather, such as it was upon the occasion of my visit, a slight efflorescence of sulphate of iron covers the rock. The mine, or quarry, in consequence of the presence of sulphur, was so red-short that it could only be used as a mixture, but, on the other hand, the ore is practically free from phosphorus. By careful calcination, the sulphur is sufficiently expelled to enable the pig iron to be used in the Bessemer converters, and, hence, the enormous recent increase in value of the ore itself. In the course of working the mine, there is separated about 400 tons annually of copper ore, containing 30 per cent. of copper.

It was stated to me that as much as two millions sterling had been offered for this mine by a very influential company, having large interests in the neighborhood, but it was declined. I cannot vouch for the correctness of the report, but, looking at the resources of the "Cornwall banks," worse purchases have been made on both sides of the Atlantic than this would have been.

I would merely remark, in conclusion, upon the subject of magnetic ore, that large deposits are said to exist in North Carolina, and elsewhere, but these not being worked, and lying away from the lines of railway, I did not visit. A certain quantity is also supplied from the extreme Northern States, but of these I can say nothing from personal observation.

SPECULAR IRON ORE.

We must now retrace our steps northward, in order to consider the valuable deposits of this variety of ore near Lake Superior—valuable from the cheapness of its extraction, its abundance, and its freedom from deleterious ingredients. I regret that the lateness of the season prevented my visiting this most interesting district. I was fortunate, however, in making the acquaintance of a gentleman possessing the minutest acquaintance with its resources, and of whose kindness, in communicating to me the most pleasing recollection.

The country which furnishes the so-called Lake Superior specular ore is that lying between Marquette and Escanaba on Green Bay. A railway connects the two localities, so that the ore can be shipped at either.

Like the magnetic ore in New Jersey, etc., the variety we are considering has probably been the result of horizontal deposition, but the strata—quartzite and jasper—containing it, have not only experienced an upheaval, but have also been affected by lateral pressure; hence the specular ore has been made to assume the form of large masses of irregular shape. They are sometimes from 300 to 300 feet long, 50 to 100 feet wide, and 100 to 200 feet deep. From these deposits the contents are obtained chiefly by open quarry work. The miners engaged in working the ore earn about 13/ and laborers about 6/ per day; and at this, I consider, the cost of extraction at the best mines will not exceed 7/ and it varies from this to 12/6 put into wagons at the mines. I have the workings from a blast furnace in my possession, smelting the ore in question over five consecutive weeks, and its lowest yield in any one of these was 60-28 per cent., and the highest 67-60 per cent. The annual output of the district has already exceeded one million tons. The data just given, coupled with the fact that the iron produced from Lake Superior ore is pure enough for the manufacture of Bessemer, will prove conclusively the correctness of the few words describing its value already used.

Of the wonderful deposit of specular ore in the State of Missouri, known as the Iron Mountain, every one has heard at least the name. In this case, however, unlike the variety of magnetic ore at Cornwall, the mountain is not all iron. At its base it consists of a very hard porphyry, covered at the top to a depth of 20 to 60 feet with this rock so altered as to be readily pierced with a knife, and instead of having the dark hue of the rock in its normal state, it is of a light buff color. Traversing the harder strata is a vein most irregular in its width, spreading from a few feet to nearly 200 yards across, but in the latter case there had been intruded masses of barren matter. In one locality, however, I examined a face of compact ore free from all admixture of foreign substances, 70 feet high and 50 feet wide. Through the superimposed stratum of rock run small strings of ore, and through its mass generally detached pieces of the mineral are disseminated. This disseminated mass is so loose in its texture as to be acted on by a current of water which is directed against its surface. This washes away the loose earthy matter, leaving the heavier ore behind.

The largest quantity worked in any one year from this deposit was 300,000 tons. The ore is so hard and solid that the labor of obtaining it is great; and the quantity of sterile matter to be landed—three times the bulk of the mineral—reduces the useful effect to about one ton per man, per day, employed in the mines. The earnings of those occupied in "getting" the ore, vary from 4/6 to 5/3 per day, for which they have, in summer, 11 hours of actual work. The deposit itself being the prop-

erty of the company who carry on the mining, I imagine the actual expense of delivering the ore into the railway wagons will not exceed 7/6 per ton. It is, notwithstanding its compactness, of easy reduction, inasmuch as a furnace only 40 feet high, with hoppers of 9½ feet, blown with cold air, will make from 100 to 130 tons per week of gray iron, with less than 24 cwt. of charcoal. With moderately hot air, 150 tons can be run with under 21 cwt. of this fuel. The yield of the ore may be taken at 65 per cent.

There are other deposits in the vicinity of the Iron Mountain, one of which, I think, I examined. It is apparently a regular bed or seam of ore lying at an angle of perhaps 15°. It reposes on, and is covered by stratified porphyry, into which it sometimes gradually passes. The thickness of the bed may be taken at 30 feet. Owing to its extreme hardness and amount of cover, the cost of working is high, probably 10/ to 11/ per ton. Hitherto, the cover has been removed and the ore obtained by open work. The superincumbent rock is now about 100 feet high, and preparations are being made to work the mine in galleries.

The yield is about 50 or 55 per cent., requiring something like 25 cwt. of charcoal per ton of foundry iron.

LIMONITE OR BROWN HEMATITE.

The two varieties of ore which have occupied our attention, viz., the magnetic and the specular, though existing in considerable quantities, do not, in isolated patches. The next two, of which I propose giving some account, are, I think, not only for their abundance in any particular locality, but also for the persistent manner in which certain veins are supposed to continue over miles and miles of country. Thus, the brown ore found in the neighborhood of the Lehigh furnaces, in Pennsylvania, is supposed to be a mere continuation of the deposits which, beginning in Alabama, pass through Tennessee on their way in a northeasterly direction. I shall describe the ore as I saw it in different places, commencing with Pennsylvania, in which latter locality it is found mixed among the aluvium as well as in the partly decomposed rock immediately underneath the clay. Both of these are extracted in a simple manner, but much mixed with earthy and stony matter, sometimes to the extent of 15 or 20 per cent., at others it is accompanied by as much as 35 to 50 per cent. of impurity. The larger pieces are picked out by hand, and the smaller are separated from the earth and stones by being washed in a long horizontal trough, in which a shaft, armed with spirally placed vanes, is kept revolving. The movement of this shaft agitates the ore and pushes it forward, the water carrying off the chief part of the dirt. Enough of the latter, however, remains with the ore to reduce its yield of iron to 30 to 35 per cent. The land owners, usually small farmers, receive a royalty varying from 1/10 to 2/10 per ton. It is only in the case of the latter, as a mixture with the rich magnetic oxide of New Jersey. Its cost, delivered at the furnaces, will be from 12/ to 15/ per ton.

In Western Virginia, I inspected a deposit of brown hematite, which was undoubtedly in the form of a regular vein, whether or not it is the continuation of a very prolonged one, I cannot say. It is about 24 feet wide, and has a face of 40 feet in height, where it was being worked. Lower down the mountain an adit has been driven, and the vein was there encountered. A valley, perhaps a mile in width, separates this working from the opposite mountain, upon the flank of which the outcrop of a vein is also visible. It is, therefore, supposed that there exists, lying under the valley, a synclinal axis, and that the vein is continuous from one mountain to the other. The miners' earnings run from 3/9 to 4/9 per day, for which they can put three tons into the wagons. It yields about 47 per cent. in the furnace, and its cost varies from 6/ to 8/ per ton.

All the way down from Buffalo Gap to Covington, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, one of the descriptions we are considering is to be met with, and in some places in large quantities. On the line of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railway brown hematite exists, apparently in enormous masses; I say apparently, because it has not been opened out in any one place on a sufficiently large scale to enable us to judge accurately of the actual extent of the deposit. I walked along the lands leased by the Alabama Central Iron Company, for many hundred yards. They are in the low ground, and had been explored by small excavations down to the vein, in all of which solid ore was met with.

A little to the south of this is an ore deposit, the property of the Pioneer Iron Company. It consists of a regular hill, on ascending which, when within 150 to 200 feet from the summit, boulders of brown hematite are noticed on the surface, and the water courses exhibit the rock composed of solid ore. The bared masses, forming the crest of the hill, appeared passing into a more silicious form of the mineral. In one or two places excavations had been made, and one face exposed of solid ore, very much resembling that to be seen at Somorostro, in Spain.

From this locality I walked through forest lands for fully a mile, and, judging by the loose blocks and occasionally solid rock open to view, the summits of the eminences consisted also of this brown hematite. At the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railway, I had an opportunity of inspecting an opening into a vein, having a width of about 50 feet at the north end, which was being put into carts at about 1/6 per ton. As the hill widened, the vein, judging by the surface and by the water courses, widened until it consisted of the actual extent of the deposit, when within 150 to 200 feet from the summit, boulders of brown hematite are noticed on the surface, and the water courses exhibit the rock composed of solid ore. The bared masses, forming the crest of the hill, appeared passing into a more silicious form of the mineral. In one or two places excavations had been made, and one face exposed of solid ore, very much resembling that to be seen at Somorostro, in Spain.

At one locality where the ore was being smelted, I learnt the cost, delivered at the furnace, was 3/9 per ton, and the actual yield 46 per cent., as shown by the books. It is unfortunately very rich in phosphorus, containing about 1 per cent., so that it is useless for steel making, a remark, I believe, generally applicable to this variety of ore as it occurs in America.

From the information just communicated, it will be perceived that brown hematite is found and worked in Pennsylvania, so far north as about 41°, and the places last described are close on the 33d parallel of latitude. If, as I was assured, veins of this ore are to be found all along the intervening country, and they are only more or less continuous throughout, we have five or six hundred miles of territory, capable of affording this valuable mineral in any quantity.

RED HEMATITE.

In the United States I met with no ore resembling, in physical properties, the fibrous and botryoidal masses found in Cumberland and Lancashire. That of Alabama and Tennessee is known as the red fossiliferous ore, and lies in regularly stratified beds among sandstone and shale, resting on the Silurian limestone.

In one instance, I ascended a hill 300 or 400 feet high, in which the measures were lying at an angle approaching 40°. The uppermost rock is sandstone, in some places only a few feet thick, and underneath it lies a seam of the red fossiliferous ore from 8 to 30 feet in height. I walked some distance along the crest of the hill, which is a bluff or precipice of this mineral, varying from 18 to 30 feet.

Unfortunately, the contents of this vein are extremely silicious, so much so, indeed, that it can only be used profitably when mixed with other ores. The composition will be represented by the following analysis.

Silica	18.00
Peroxide of iron	77.50
Lime	2.00
Magnesia	3.00
Alumina	1.50
Phosphoric acid	5.00
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Of the whole seam only about 8 feet on the top is worked, the lower portions getting richer in silica and poorer in iron, but this 8 feet had been put into wagons at about 2/ per ton for labor.

In the furnace it gave 50 per cent. This variety of ore (it may be other veins) can be traced for many miles distant. Thus, at Rising Fawn, 320 miles further north, it is found in a seam from 6 to 7 feet thick, but there it is poorer in iron, contains more alumina, and it is rich in lime. An analysis, given me, shows:

Silica	9.00
Peroxide of iron	85.00 = 35 per cent. of iron.
Lime	5.00
Alumina	3.30
Phosphoric acid	.67
Water and difference	2.03
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Of course, as the ore gets thinner, and from the depth of cover has to be won by close work, it becomes more expensive to get; thus, at one place, 6/7, and at another 10/4 was given me as the cost at the mines.

Georgia contains this fossiliferous ore, which, moreover, in one state or another, occurs over a distance, from south to north, of more than 450 miles, gradually thinning as we go northward.

CLAY IRON-STONE.

In a country where the coal measures spread themselves out to such a wide extent, are found, as might be expected, considerable deposits of this ore of iron. On Davis Creek, near Charleston, on the Ohio, up Elk River, and elsewhere, was shown seams not yet worked, from 2 to 3 feet thick, and said to contain as much as 36 per cent. of metal. By far the most important deposit is that known as the Hanging Rock region, near Ironton, in Ohio. It is generally obtained by close work, 12 inches being considered a good thickness, although sometimes it is as much as 3 or 4 feet. Above it is a seam of clay 4 feet thick, containing nodules of iron-stone. The ore is brought to the furnaces from a distance of 3 to 13 miles, costing, delivered at the smelting works, 11/3 to 15/6 per ton. Its yield is about 40 per cent. of pig iron. Owing to the amount of dead work which has to be excavated, the miner will not, on an average, get above 15 cwt. for his day's work. The wages earned run from 3/9 to 6/ per day.

There are about 34 charcoal and 14 coal and coke furnaces in the Hanging Rock region, and these, I believe, are almost exclusively supplied by the clay iron stone bed of their own district.

BLACK BAND IRON-STONE.

I was conducted some miles through uncleared lands in West Virginia, to see a deposit of this mineral. The seam had been worked into for a few yards, and measured 6 to 7 feet in thickness. The bottom portion undoubtedly was composed of iron-stone, but the upper 2½ feet, only gave 7-2, the next 3½ feet 27-27, and the remainder 35-8 of iron. A working of 4½ feet would thus give a calcined ore containing about 30 per cent. of metal.

So far as I know, the only important deposit of this variety of ore is that found in the Tuscarawas Valley, and from five or six furnaces are supplied, which furnish an iron said to be similar in quality to that smelted near Glasgow. The beds from which it is wrought are very limited in area. They are situated above the coal seams near the tops of the hills, and hence, owing to the denudations which have created the valleys, the black band is only found in isolated patches.

SMELTING WORKS.

Having now described, in general terms, the raw materials employed in the production of iron, I would ask your attention to the means adopted in the works in the United States for the manufacture of pig metal. Before doing this, a few words on the spirit with which this important question is there approached, may have some interest with our members who endeavor to pursue their calling with such light as scientific training can afford.

I would say in reference to this indispensable form of assistance, that our friends across the Atlantic are as fully alive as we ourselves are to its paramount importance. Very excellent publications are issued from time to time by the different States, under the superintendence of properly qualified officers, known as the State geologists. In these reports, or rather large volumes, is contained the most recently acquired information respecting the resources of the respective countries of the union.

As regards the education of those who are destined to control their industrial establishments, the most ample accommodation is afforded. I would call especial attention to the maintenance of many citizens of the United States, who, at their own individual expense, and not at that of their descendants, in their own lifetime, expend immense sums in promoting scientific training and education.

As instances of this liberality, which I had personal opportunities of examining, I would mention that of my venerable friend, Mr. Peter Cooper, founder of the Cooper Institute of New York; of Mr. Pardee, who has recently erected a magnificent addition to the Fayette College at Easton; and of Mr. Packer, who has built an extensive establishment at Bethlehem, in which instruction is given gratuitously. I cannot pass over the subject without bestowing a word or two of high commendation on the Stevens Institute, at Hoboken, in which, by means of an extremely valuable collection of apparatus, some of the most able men of the day are permitted, beyond mere teaching, to devote themselves to original research.

I imagine, if I put down the sums expended on these four establishments at half a million sterling, contributed by four individuals, I should be within the mark. The results of this training are visible all over the country. The general principles involved in the different operations are quite as well understood there as they are with us; and I believe that everything which has been done by our members as an Institute is as familiar to many iron makers in America as it is to ourselves. Every improvement effected in this country is at once studied, and, in case of need, applied by them. In short, it would be impossible to conceive any body of men, taken as a whole, who pursue their calling with greater earnestness and devotion than do those who are attached to the mining and metallurgical branches of industry in the United States.

In attempting to describe the smelting works of so vast a country, my observations must be restricted to those of a very general character. In endeavoring to bring this before you, I shall select certain great seats of the iron trade, a mode of procedure which will give a fair idea of the progress which has been effected within its boundaries, and, at the same time, will afford some conception of the advantages and disadvantages which have to be encountered by those engaged in its prosecution.

BLAST FURNACES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Before the means of communication were as

complete in the United States as they are at the present day, there were three conditions requiring at all times especial attention from him who seeks to apply himself to the smelting of iron—a ready supply of ore, a sufficiency of fuel within an easy distance, and what was then of equal importance, the proximity to population, in order to secure the necessary labor and a market for his produce.

So far as the States of New Jersey and New York are concerned, the mines of magnetic ore, the forests which then covered the surface of the country, and the vicinity of the towns springing up on the seaboard, supplied all these three requirements. As the primeval woods were cleared away, and the applicability of anthracite for blast furnaces, along with the value of the hot blast, were demonstrated by our fellow countrymen, David Thomas and William Firmstone, the banks of the Lehigh, the Delaware, and the Susquehanna were selected as suitable sites in which the fuel and the ores of New Jersey and those of other localities are brought together. By a system of slack water navigation, secured by damming up rivers, aided by short canals, and subsequently by railways, increased facilities of transport were afforded. In consequence of these, the localities in question have, in recent years, risen to a position of great importance as iron making centers.

Compared with Scotland, Staffordshire, or the Cleveland district in this country, the manufacture of pig iron, made from the materials just enumerated, presents, however, no advantages in the matter of transport. The conveyance of coal to the banks of the Lehigh will cost about 6/ per ton of iron made. The cost of the ore from New Jersey, in many cases, 10/ per ton of iron made; total, 16/. In the so-called Cleveland district, in the North of England, I have estimated that in order to bring the collic ore, the flux, and the fuel together, the cost of transport is something like half the sum paid by the Pennsylvania makers on the ton of iron.

With regard to the blast furnaces themselves, making allowance for the changes rendered necessary by the climate, there is in reality no difference worthy of notice. Their means of receiving the raw materials resemble our own in the North of England. Of course, the chief subject for consideration is the question of fuel consumption, and here I am bound to say, as a rule, the Lehigh masters are perhaps a little behind the age. In furnaces 55 feet high, with boshes of from 17 to 18 feet, the anthracite used in smelting an ore yielding 50 per cent., with 12 cwt. of limestone, was about 35 cwt. A point of view I conceive to be due to a want of a sufficient heat in their blast, which, however, by the promoters, always in use, indicated fully 1000° F. That it really fell short of this, generally speaking, was proved by its inability to melt zinc, which fuses at a couple of hundred degrees below this temperature. The more important cause, however, must be ascribed to the insufficient height of the furnaces; but in this matter no one can feel surprised that their iron smelters, whose fuel is anthracite, should have hesitated before following the example of English iron masters. The latter have the advantage of using a compact and hard fuel, which comes down in large pieces to the hearth, while anthracite is apt to splinter with the heat, and requires, it is said, even in a furnace of moderate height, a pillar of blast equal to from 7 to 9 or 10 lbs. to overcome the resistance.

One or two iron masters, however, have been bold enough to venture on the erection of furnaces of 72 feet high, and their experience has proved them to be successful, for the fuel has been thereby reduced to something like 25 cwt. per ton of iron. I do not say that with a little higher temperature in the blast, and an additional height of furnace, even this is not capable of a little reduction; at the same time, looking at the usual quality of their coal, I am not sure whether this must not be regarded as a very satisfactory result.

In the matter of wages, the individual rates, at least of the skilled men, were below ours at the period of my visit there, furnace keepers receiving 8/6, August 10/ to 12/ paid in the North of England. As a rule, however, they have more men than we employ for the same work, and this, added to some superiority in our arrangements and larger make, enable us to smelt a ton of iron for considerably less than the amount paid in wages in Pennsylvania.

Their blowing machinery, as a rule, is of the highest character, due regard being paid to strength, as, indeed, is no more than is required, looking at the great pressure of the blast in use. Open tops being formerly the fashion, the sasses were drawn through apertures in the furnace sides, and, in order to avoid loss, the boilers and heating stoves were placed on platforms at an elevation of 25 feet or more from the ground. This arrangement, by increasing the distance of the hot air apparatus from the tuyeres, may be the cause of the blast not being delivered into the furnace at a sufficiently high temperature.

The make of the 55 and 60 feet furnaces, of gray iron, may be taken at 200 tons, and that of the larger at 300 tons per week.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN FURNACES.

The rich ores found in this district enable the smelters to be economical in the anthracite used, which, laid down at the works, costs about 24/ per ton, the consumption being about 25 cwt. per ton of pig. At Crown Point and at Cedar Point, new furnaces have recently been erected of excellent construction, the former 60 feet high and the latter 70 feet, with Whitwell's stoves. In consequence, however, of dulness of trade, the Cedar Point Works are not yet started, so that nothing can be said of the advantage of using superheated air with large furnaces on the mineral of this neighborhood; but with 24 cwt. of anthracite, even with an ore of 60 per cent, there does not appear much room for improvement. The head keepers here were earning 8/10 per day, but were under notice for a reduction.

LAKE SUPERIOR FURNACES.

The fuel employed is exclusively charcoal, of which about 18 cwt. in the furnace give a ton of iron, but to cover waste it is taken at 20 cwt. The yield of the ore is above 64 per cent., and is so readily smelted that a furnace 41½ feet high and 9½ in the bosh will average about 250 tons per week of No. 1 pig fit for Bessemer purposes. About 1 cwt. of limestone per ton of iron suffices as flux. The keepers earn 10/ per day, the wages on a ton of metal amounting to 9/.

CLEVELAND FURNACES.

At or near Cleveland City, on Lake Erie, works have been built as a convenient place for the ores of Lake Superior, to meet the block-coal from Briar Hill, near Youngstown. Including the railway dues and the freight from Escanaba to Cleveland and delivery at works, the cost of transport on the ore will reach 15/ to 16/, or from 22/6 to 24/ on the pig. The carriage on the coal amounts to at least 9/ on the ton of iron made, so that for this item of transport alone, including moving the limestone, nearly 35/ per ton of produce has to be expended. The furnaces are, in general, about 62 feet in height, running about 300 tons per week. The coal costs them delivered about 13/6 per ton, and of it, 2½ tons are consumed per ton of pig. In some cases this is mixed with Connellsville coke, brought from so great a distance that its price, delivered at the works, is 17/6 per ton. The head keepers earn 7/6 per day, and the wages on a ton of iron amount to 9/ and 10/.

(To be continued.)

* Paper read before the Iron and Steel Institute.

Navigating Ocean Steamships.

We take the following very sensible article from the San Francisco Commercial Herald:

The frequent disasters to ocean-going steam ships on this coast seem to have been, in a majority of cases, the results of too much confidence on the part of the commander, and of parsimony on that of the owners. It is beyond question that this coast is very much clearer of impediments to navigation than the Atlantic, and this fact is too apt to provoke over-confidence, which necessarily leads to negligence of many precautions which should always be carefully observed. It is also true that our steamships are not as thoroughly provided with the best of instruments, and not generally so well found in life saving and other requisite apparatuses to insure safety as those of foreign nations.

Appended will be found a judiciously prepared communication from one of our most experienced and scientific steamship commanders. We present it to our readers, with the hope that they will give it their most careful consideration:

The stranding of many steamships on our comparatively safe coast line, suggest the probability that there may be considerations in the technical management which are either unheeded, or only imperfectly understood. The purpose of this article is to call attention thereto.

As a plain proposition, the loss of a steamship on a "clean coast," with unlimited room seaward, is inexcusable, unless in approaching her port. There are many risks in navigation which are unavoidable, and with the best judgment, as well as the most careful management, occasional losses by stranding will occur; but no steamship commander is warranted in assuming any risk that can be avoided. The safety of the lives and property entrusted to his charge should always be the first consideration. We propose, however, to consider the technical precautions which will generally ensure safety, and the considerations leading to such precautions.

The use of the lead is of much less importance on this coast than on our Atlantic seaboard; nevertheless, every commander should bear in mind the fact that when disaster occurs, its previous use goes far to exonerate the captain, and many a time has the writer made use of it solely from this consideration. For this purpose all steamships should be provided with some of the self-registering leads, which indicate depth without complete stoppage of the ship. We venture to assert that few, if any, such leads can be found on board our coast steamers, although costing less than \$100.

The local deviation of the compass is a point to which too little attention is paid, although the most important as regards safety. We find hardly an iron steamship sailing out of this port provided with what can be strictly called a "standard compass." The correctness of the steering compass is left generally altogether to chance. Such a thing as "swinging ship" to ascertain local deviation is unknown at this port, and we have no standard bearings whereby compasses can be tested on even one heading. No steamship should be allowed to proceed to sea without a "standard compass," either so made by the regulated proximity of magnets, isolation, or by a tabulated form, showing local deviation on different headings, as ascertained by swinging. Even with this important instrument, no commander should neglect azimuth observations and amplitudes, failing to understand which, he should not be considered competent to command. The above two points indicate deficiencies in equipment which are easily remedied, but which are, nevertheless, generally found wanting on our steamships.

We have now to consider the equally important and more interesting points regarding the shaping of the course. It is an axiom in navigation that a steamship running on a parallel course with a coast line will ultimately run ashore; or otherwise, the parallel course is impracticable on a long run. Still, it is an undoubted fact that many fine steamships have been lost on this coast by the ignoring of this proposition, the truth of which is evident for the following few reasons among many: All seamen are aware of the fact that two sailing ships in a dead calm will approach each other and finally collide, unless worked apart by means of catpaws. The reason is obviously the fact that two dense bodies floating in a liquid will, by their mutual attraction, be drawn near each other. How much more rapidly, then, will a continental coast line draw toward itself the steamship moving parallel thereto. The writer has very many times tested this with the invariable result—haul off or run ashore. The fact that all floating objects approach, and are finally thrown upon the beach, also proves this. There is also a pulsation of the ocean toward the land which is constantly drawing a ship inshore. This landward movement of the wave motion is plainly proven by the constant surf on the shore line when a moderate distance off shore—only the slightest motion landward is noticeable. The proximity to all coast lines tends to produce local deflections of the magnetic needle by means of mineral substances contained therein. This is particularly the case on our mountainous sea coast, which is well known to be largely mineral in its general character.

The above considerations would imply the necessity for great caution in laying coastwise courses, particularly at night and in foggy weather. The mere "hauling off" of a point—more or less—tends more to a fancied than any real security, since it is obvious that so small an angle will only postpone the disaster, not prevent it. "Hauling off" a little may do for a night, or a short run, but where you are at the mercy of your compass, it will not ensure safety to depend on so unreliable an idea. On many occasions when running parallel courses on this coast, we have adopted an ex-

pedient which ensured absolute safety with trifling loss of time. When convinced that it was unsafe to depend on our compasses in thick fog on the California coast, and during pitch dark, rainy nights on the Mexican and Central American coasts, we have often turned the head of our ship directly off shore and steamed full speed one hour, and then, with the serene consciousness of absolute safety, again laid our ship on her parallel course for the night, still steaming full speed. How much better this than the risk, anxiety of mind, and mental strain attending the uncertain slowing down, with adherence to a slightly deflected course! How cheaply was absolute security purchased, and even time economized, by this simple expedient! The professional reputation of a commander should be as precious as his life. If he burns a dozen tons more of coal, or delays his ship an hour, the worst he can meet with is a reprimand, which his professional knowledge will assure him is undeserved. If he beaches his ship he destroys his reputation, loses property entrusted to his care, and, most of all, risks the lives of those depending on his judgment and skill. How foolish, then, to take any unnecessary risks. Many a time there will be, in one's nautical experience, when risks are unavoidable. In such cases it only remains to consider well your course, take all precautions you can, keep your ship well in hand, and let her go, but not for one minute turn her over to second hands in such cases, that if disaster comes, truth will say, "the captain had charge of the deck!" A pernicious habit has obtained among passengers of expecting polite attentions from the commanding officer. A captain on a coastwise route has little time for gallantry. The smiles of the fair sex won't keep his ship off the rocks, and they may tend to disturb his cool judgment. Let the ladies remember that the best captain is he who devotes himself to his ship and finds little time for polite attentions to them. It is a matter of life and death; not one of gallantry. Better the attentive, competent and careful commander than the popular ladies' man.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE
WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 9, 1875.

Generally speaking the past week has been a dull one in financial circles. The stock market has ruled irregular, alternately weak and then firm, according to advice in regard to the railroad war now being actively carried on. The stocks most actively dealt in have been Lake Shore, Western Union Telegraph, Pacific Mail, Union Pacific, Erie and North West. The money market continues very easy, call loans still ranging at 2 @ 3 per cent., while prime mercantile paper is discounted at 3 1/2 @ 5 per cent.

The course of the gold market has been strong and upward, principally owing to heavy shipments abroad, in great part to pay for called 5-20 bonds which are coming here. The speculative movement has been on rather a limited scale. At the close the gold market is declining without special reasons assigned. The London advices are favorable, and no prospect of specie shipments being checked. The engagements for to-day's steamer are \$1,000,000.

The following table shows the extreme daily range of the premium:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	116 1/2	116 1/2
Friday.....	117	117
Saturday.....	117 1/2	117 1/2
Monday.....	117 1/2	117 1/2
Tuesday.....	117 1/2	117 1/2
Wednesday.....	117 1/2	117 1/2

Foreign exchange closed at 4 9/16 @ 4 7/8 for bankers' sterling, and throughout the week has ruled above the specie shipping point. During the week the Treasury at New York has received \$1,582,700 for customers, and has disbursed for interest \$162,700. On Thursday last \$500,000 gold was disposed of at 116 64/100 @ 116 68/100. To-day the Assistant Treasurer paid out \$173,000 gold for five-twenty bonds and \$17,000 for interest on the public debt.

The market for government bonds has continued strong, both here and in London. State bonds have also been firmer, especially Tennessee, owing to an effort to raise the money needed to pay the July interest, which it was thought would be passed. Railroad bonds have ruled firmer. We give below the closing quotations for governments.

The stock market, as noted above, has been irregular, with prices advancing and then declining, being influenced by the railroad complications and the advices received of a near termination of the troubles, or of a still further prolongation. Below will be found a tabular statement showing the highest and lowest of to-day's quotations of active shares.

In the bank statement the principal change is an increase in legal tender notes of \$1,200,000. The total reserve of the banks is \$75,287,500, and the surplus reserve \$16,931,475, the latter being \$299,700 above last week. The following is a comparison of the averages for the past two weeks:

	May 29.	June 5.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$381,396,500	\$381,401,300	Inc. \$4,700
Specie.....	11,492,600	10,655,300	Dec. \$837,400
Leg. tend.....	63,371,900	64,838,300	Inc. 1,466,400
Deposits.....	223,290,900	223,434,700	Inc. \$143,800
Circulation.....	19,921,100	19,790,800	Dec. 130,300

The following shows the value of exports, exclusive of specie, from New York to foreign ports for the week ending June 8, and since the beginning of the year:

	1875.	1874.	1873.
For the week.....	\$5,614,999	\$6,631,705	\$5,593,109
Prev. reported.....	116,725,073	117,839,063	99,570,396

Since Jan. 1, 1875, \$122,340,070 @ \$134,470,768 @ \$106,163,505. The following is the amount of specie exported the past week, previously reported and since Jan. 1, 1875, compared with the two previous years:

	1875.	1874.	1873.
Total for the week.....	\$4,418,433	\$4,418,433	\$4,418,433
Previously reported.....	38,474,344	38,474,344	38,474,344

Total since January 1, 1875..... \$37,892,797
Same time in 1874..... \$2,405,956
Same time in 1873..... \$2,473,660
The total imports this week are \$8,452,936 less than those of last week. The dry goods are \$361,501, and the general merchandise \$23,191,235 below. The following table enables comparisons to be made with the two previous years:

	1875.	1874.	1873.
Dry goods.....	\$361,501	\$361,501	\$361,501
Gen. mchse.....	\$23,191,235	\$23,191,235	\$23,191,235

Total for week..... \$361,501 @ \$23,191,235 @ \$157,541,891

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Brass goods.....	8	\$1,261
Bronzes.....	7	1,796
Chains and anchors.....	7	329
Copper.....	691	691
Cutlery.....	45	15,911
Gas fixtures.....	1	356
Guns.....	31	5,383
Hardware.....	12	2,093
Iron, pig, tons.....	550	10,929
Iron, cotton ties.....	376	1,044
Iron, other, tons.....	386	42,419
Lead, pigs.....	4,381	29,170
Metal goods.....	129	13,715
Needles.....	11	5,314
Old metal.....	1	1,033
Per. caps.....	6	1,116
Saddlery.....	6	41,486
Steel.....	8,773	63,153
Dis. boxes.....	8,183	978
Tin, bbls.....	10	3,323
Tin, 400 slabs.....	16,479	8,652
Wire.....	291	8,044
Zinc.....	118,250	8,044

Government bonds at the close were strong.

	Bid.	Askd.
U. S. Currency 6's.....	120 1/2	121
U. S. 6s 1861, reg.....	120 1/2	121
U. S. 6s 1861, cou.....	120 1/2	121
U. S. 10s 1861, reg.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 10s 1861, cou.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, reg.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, cou.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, reg.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, cou.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
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U. S. 5s 1861, cou.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, reg.....	119 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. 5s 1861, cou.....	119 1/2	120 1/2

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

	Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Cen. & Hudson Consolidated.....	103 1/2	103 1/2
Lake Shore.....	63 1/2	63 1/2
Rock Island.....	102 1/2	102 1/2
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.....	117 1/2	117 1/2
Michigan Central.....	66 1/2	66 1/2
Cleveland & Pittsburgh.....	88	88
Illinois Central.....	101 1/2	101 1/2
Wabash.....	9 1/2	9 1/2
Western Union Telegraph.....	76	74 1/2
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	24 1/2	24 1/2
Northwestern.....	39 1/2	38 1/2
Milwaukee & St. Paul.....	33	32 1/2
Pacific Mail.....	55 1/2	55
Erie.....	33 1/2	33 1/2
Ohio & Mississippi.....	23 1/2	23
Union Pacific.....	70 1/2	70 1/2
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	29	28
Quicksilver.....	17 1/2	17 1/2
Am. Mer. Union Express.....	63 1/2	63 1/2
Adams Express.....	100 1/2	100 1/2
United States Express.....	45	44 1/2

GENERAL HARDWARE.

Although there is only a small business doing in General Hardware, a good deal of preparation is being made for the fall trade, the commencement of which is generally looked for before the close of July. The changes during the week are few. The manufacturers of Carriage Bolts held a meeting yesterday, and advanced the price of Common Carriage and Tire Bolts to discount 75 per cent. for small quantities, instead of 75 and 5 per cent., as formerly.

The Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. have added to their line of specialties the Patent New England Sash Lock. This is the only Sash Fastener that we know of that locks securely both upper and lower sash at any point. The following description of its working we take from the circular of the manufacturers.

Its novel feature is, it clamps both windows together as if done with a vice; with one motion it firmly holds both sashes in any desired position, so that rooms may be ventilated and windows remain locked. This is very desirable in upper rooms where there are children; the windows can be locked to keep them from falling out, and still give them sufficient room to look out, and for ventilation. Two, one right and one left, can be put in one window, if desired. It also prevents the windows from rattling and shaking, also dust from entering, and is a near burglar proof as any window fastener can be, inasmuch as it cannot be tampered with from the outside. It is not affected by the shrink or swell of the sash, is entirely out of sight, nothing being visible but the catch and the handle; can be easily adjusted to houses and windows already built; is strong enough to hold the windows, and can be used without weights or pulleys. One size will do for all kinds of sashes.

They are sold at the following list, which is subject to discount 30 per cent.:

No. 1, Japanned Lever and Plate.....	per doz., \$2 25
No. 2, Bronzed Metal.....	600
No. 3, Nickel Plated.....	600

Heinrich Sons, whose advertisement will be found on page 11, quote Heinrich Sons' Trimmers and Scissors discount 65 per cent., and their "Standard" quality Shears and Trimmers discount 45 and 5 per cent.

The Elmira Nobles Mfg. Co. quote Nobles Mfg. Co. Augers and Bits discount 40 @ 40 and 5 per cent.; Nobles Mfg. Co. Axes, \$10-50 per dozen, net; Drawing Knives, Adjustable Handles, discount 15 per cent.; and "Watrous" Ship Augers, discount 15 per cent.

There are no changes to report in the values of Foreign Hardware. Business is very quiet. The Nail market is in much the same condition noticed last week. The demand is light, and we continue to quote 10d., in lots of 200 kegs and over, \$3-25 net.

Henry Disston & Sons advertise this week their well known Cross Cut Saws "The Great American," "The Lumberman," "The Climax," and "The Nonpareil." These goods are too well and favorably known to require much mention. We are informed that there will be no change in prices for the coming season. The Skew Back Hand Saws recently introduced by them are having a large sale, and the manufacturers are now making up a stock of these goods for the coming season.

The Scovill Manufacturing Company, Nos. 4 and 421 Broome street, have issued under date of 1st instant a handsomely illustrated catalogue and price list of Brass and Copper goods manufactured by them. We print on page 23 a description of the extensive works of this company, to which we invite the attention of our readers.

John Crane, 108 Chambers street, agent for the Greensboro Handle Works, has issued an illustrated catalogue of the goods of their manufacture. Beside a full line of Axe, Pick and Sledge Handles, Mallets and everything pertaining to this branch of the trade, they ask particular attention to their line of Carriage Wood Work. At their New York office they carry only such goods as are necessary to fill orders for immediate shipment; large orders are filled from the factory direct.

IRON.

American Pig.—There is no improvement in the tone of the market, and transactions continue limited at figures nominally unchanged, although concessions can very often be obtained. Most of the Lehigh furnace companies feel more discouraged than at any time since September, 1873, but with all the dullness they persist in keeping their furnaces in blast. The stocks of iron are increasing, and in some places are large. It is claimed that a considerable part of this iron is sold, but the effect on the market is none the less felt on this account. It is reported that the Warren Foundry have leased the Uhler Furnace, at Glendon, and will at once put it into blast. On the other hand, it is also reported that two of the older companies contemplate blowing out a furnace each. We note the sale of 100 tons No. 2 Foundry, of a Lehigh brand, at \$25. We quote Foundry No. 1, \$27 @ \$30; Foundry No. 2, \$25 @ \$30; Gray Forge, \$23 @ \$25. We invite the attention of our readers to an important article on our first page, giving statistics of the production of Pig Iron in the United States in 1874, compiled by James M. Swank, Secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association.

Scotch Pig.—No material change has taken place since our last, the market still remaining very dull. We quote Coltness \$31 @ \$32; Glengarnock, \$32 @ \$33; Gartsherrie, \$31 @ \$33; Eglinton, \$29 @ \$30.

Bar.—The price of Bars at Eastern mills may be fairly quoted at about 2 7/8c. per lb. The rolling mills in the Lehigh Valley are fairly busy. The Delaware Mill, at Phillipsburg, is at work turning out Horse Shoes. The mills at Bethlehem are turning out Rails, both Steel and Iron, in large quantities. The Glen Mill, at Allentown, is still in the bankrupt court. The Roll mill of the Allentown Iron Company is quiet, but their Merchant mill is running steadily. The Ferndale Mill, which makes Skelp Iron a specialty, runs about half time. At Cataqua, the Merchant mills of the Cataqua Manufacturing Company are running steadily, double turn, confining themselves to high grades. The Plate mill belonging to this company is the only one in the valley, and is running less than half time. There is no branch of the Iron trade that has suffered more from the general depression than the Plate mills, the business being much overdone, and the price being so low as to allow of no profit. Plates may be quoted from 3 1/2 cents upward.

Rails.—We continue our quotation of \$48 @ \$50, at works, for American, though we hear of quotations considerably lower, but they are generally for an inferior quality of Rail, or owing to some exceptional circumstances.

Old Rails.—We quote \$26-50 @ \$27, and note sales of 300 tons at \$26-50, and 300 tons on private terms.

Scrap.—The market seems to be weaker, and we quote No. 1 Wrought \$31 @ \$33. We note the sale of 500 tons on private terms.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for The Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 1875.

Scotch Pig.—Since last Wednesday prices have fluctuated in both directions, but the market is now drooping, and there is very little business doing. The following are makers' quotations:

Gartsherrie No. 1.....	65 1/2
Coltness No. 1.....	67 1/2
Glengarnock No. 1.....	68 1/2
Eglinton No. 1.....	61 1/2

Manufactured Iron.—The demand is falling off, and little business doing. Prices are declining.

Rails unchanged.

METALS.

Copper.—Sales for the week sum up 200,000 pounds Lake on the spot at 23 1/2c., and 400,000 pounds futures, June and July delivery, at 23c. There is little offering, and the market closes strong at 23c., bid, for Lake. Baltimore is moving off in a small way only at 23 1/2c. to 23c. Of new Lake, between 300 and 400 tons are now to hand, and are being distributed among the parties that purchased some time ago. We shall not now go into the details of the statistics which we have lately given, both in our usual market report and editorially, but refer to them. They went to show, sufficiently, we believe, that the metal is favorably situated, both in Europe and here; it has, indeed, seldom been in a better position. Aside from the cartridge manufacture, so frequently referred to, there are the new uses to which Copper is being extensively applied for war purposes and otherwise—we mean Phosphor-Bronze, which has begun to supersede the famous steel guns, for instance. If Copper depended on peaceful industry alone just at present, in Europe and here, it would probably be in anything but a promising position, but we cannot insist too much on the fact that there is a steady silent demand for it in Europe for war purposes, and that this element is more important than most people may feel inclined to admit. While, therefore, the metal is statistically sound, an extra demand exists, making up for dullness in trade. In connection with this, it cannot fail to strike us that the European limits for Lake Copper have gone on improving by degrees. And nearly all the items which figure in an export operation favor it; the high gold and exchange, and the low freight, and, independently therefrom, the banker who purchases Copper to keep his money in for a time, has every inducement to do so, the price being cheap and the interest on money low. Quotations from London for Chili Bars came by cable \$22.10 @ \$23, toward the close of last week, since when the wires have been silent on this metal. Manufactured has been steady at the following rates: New Sheathing, 30c.; Bolts and Brackets, 31c.; Bronze and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 21c., and Yellow Metal Bolts, 23c.

Tin.—We are glad to perceive that a more confident tone begins to manifest itself on the other side, accompanied by an improvement to 24 for Straits. The last mail from Holland direct now brings a clue to the low ruling at the last sale. It would seem that the leading holders of Tin were averse to pushing Banca above the figure it went at, for fear that the excellent consumptive demand might be at once checked. They preferred a good show of consumption first, and on the strength of it would then lend their powerful aid to the metal, trusting that the movement would coincide with a striking decrease of shipments from British India. This seems to have been the programme, and as there has been a considerable falling off in the shipments from Singapore since, the moment selected for a more vigorous support of Tin was, from all appearances, a singularly propitious one. We trust, in the interest of holders, that this movement may prove of more lasting benefit than its predecessors this year. Here we are still laboring under the difficulty of some parties holding more stock than they can conveniently carry during this interval of paralysis in the metal trade, and are thus compelled to go on selling at the low figures to which Tin has been depressed. Not till they

have sold out sufficient to feel at ease can we expect any very great improvement here, whatever the course of prices may be in Europe. But the moment the desideratum of their relief shall have been accomplished, a healthy upward turn may be looked forward to, provided Europe does not relapse into a drooping attitude. Straits in our market was forced off as low as 18 1/2c., gold, an almost unprecedentedly low figure. The business has been confined to selling moderately large lots at between 18 1/2c. and 18 3/4c., gold. We quote Straits 18 1/2c. @ 18 3/4c., gold; English Refined, 19 1/2c. nominally; ditto, Common, 18 1/2c. @ 19c., and Banca, 23c. @ 23 1/2c., all gold. Austrian, none offering. Singapore came over the wires \$22 1/2 last week, and \$22 this week. Tin Plates are quite steady, there having been more inquiry, Western buyers feeling for bottom to the market, while in England the article still remains unsettled. Meanwhile the week's dealings in our midst have been in a jobbing way merely. We quote, gold, per box, as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$8-50 @ \$8-75; ditto Terne, \$7-50 @ \$7-75; Coke T.n., \$6-87 1/2 @ \$7-12 1/2; and ditto, Terne, \$6-75.

Lead.—Although trade in this metal remains quiet as heretofore, more encouraging symptoms are reported out West, where consumption seems to take hold more vigorously of it, than in the seaboard region. Transactions here have been restricted to some 50 tons all told, at 5 90c. @ 6c., gold, for Domestic, while nothing is reported as having been done in Foreign. We quote the former 5 90c., gold, and the latter, 6 1/2c., gold. St. Louis quotes 6 1/2c., currency, Domestic, with 45c. freight the 100 pounds. Europe has of late shown less strength, and would likely have to shade on larger lines. Manufactures we quote steady as follows: Bar, 5 1/2c.; Pipe, 9 1/2c.; and Sheet, 9 1/2c., less 10 per cent.

Spliter and Zinc.—The development of trade in Spliter is not a satisfactory one; it does not move into consumption as readily at the combination figure of 7 1/2c., currency, as makers would wish it to do, and sales are to but a limited extent at 7 1/2c. @ 7 1/4c., currency, 30 days, for Domestic, while of Foreign, which we nominally quote 7 1/2c. @ 7 1/4c., gold, there is none, nor has anything transpired in it to arrive. Europe is as firm as ever, and futures there are tending upward. Sheet Zinc is still a disappointment at 8 1/2c., gold, with little transacting therein.

Antimony.—A steady, moderate trade is reported in this metal at 13c., gold. No new features apparent.

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Old Metals are as dull as we have noted heretofore, and there is little demand from consumers for any description of stocks. The market for Rags and Paper Stock is very quiet, with the exception of Linen Canvas, which is in good request. The demand for Hemp and Grass Rope has decreased since last week, and the market is dull and declining. For other articles there is a fair inquiry. We quote the following as the current purchasing rates:

Old Metals.—Copper, 16c. @ 17c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c. @ 12c.; Brass, 10c. @ 11c.; Composition, 13c. @ 14c.; Lead, solid, 5 1/2c.; Tea Lead, 4 1/2c.; Zinc, 4 1/2c. @ 4 3/4c.; Pewter, No. 1, 18c.; do., No. 2, 18c.; Spliter, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Wrought Iron, 1 1/2c.; Sheet do., 1 1/2c.; Cast do., 1 1/2c.; Machinery, do., 1 1/2c.

Rags, &c.—Canvas, Linen, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; do. Cotton, No. 1, 6c. @ 6 1/2c.; No. 2, 2 1/2c.; White, No. 1, 6 1/2c.; No. 2, 4 1/2c.; Colored, do., 3c. @ 3 1/2c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 3c.; Soft, do., 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Gunny Bagging, 1 1/2c.; Jute Butts, 1 1/2c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 3c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1 1/2c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum Junk, No. 1, 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 1 1/2c.; Grass Rope, 2 1/2c. @ 3c.

COAL.

The Coal market is beginning to show signs of improvement. The latest telegrams from Pennsylvania bring us the intelligence that at several of the collieries the miners have resumed work under the old basis of 1874, and that the strike is virtually ended. The Anthracite trade shows an increase for the week over last week of 39,356 tons, and the market appears to be supplied with all the Coal required for present purposes, while some of the small sizes are accumulating. There is a fair business doing in Cumberland Coal, and most of the companies are well supplied with orders. In foreign gas Coals there is very little doing, and values are nominal.

The Pottsville Miners' Journal says: "As some of the collieries are at work, the associated coal companies will arrange the schedule of prices for the season, and the price of coal will not advance beyond the prices agreed upon, which rates they will maintain for the season rigidly, regulating the out-put to the demand at the prices fixed upon. Manufacturers who ceased work on account of the uncertainty in the supply of fuel and the prices of the same can now commence again, as the market will be fully supplied with coal, as the ability of the regions for the balance of the year is sufficient to produce a larger quantity than the market will take, notwithstanding the suspension. On the Lehigh and Schuylkill railroads the tolls will no doubt be advanced as the season advances, to make up the losses they have sustained by the suspension; but this advance will not be put on the price of coal, but will come off the wages of the miners who caused the strike, and who must bear the loss. They cannot complain, as they were informed in January last that the longer they kept up the strike the higher the tolls would be, which would come off of their wages, and they as a matter of course ought to bear it, as one of the effects of their folly and madness in inaugurating a strike under the circumstances that prevailed at the time in the great prostration of all kinds of business."

The following are the cargo prices of company's Coal, delivered at the various shipping ports near New York, during the month of June:

	L.	Str.	Gr.	Eng.	Sto.	Chit
FROM WYOMING REGION:						
Lackawanna.....	4 90	5 00	5 10	5 25	5 70	4 70
(Boston open market).....	5 00	5 00	5 10	5 25	5 70	4 70
D. L. & W. Co.'s.....	5 10	5 00	5 10	5 25	5 70	4 70
FROM LEHIGH REGION:						
Delaware & Hudson.....	4 95	5 05	5 15	5 30	5 75	4 75

Freights from the above shipping ports to New York City are as follows, including the unloading:

Hoboken.....	40	Rondout.....	50
West Hoboken.....	40	Elizabethport.....	40
Port Johnston.....	40	South Amboy.....	45

We quote as follows: Anthracite, \$4-75 @ \$5-70; Cumberland, \$5-50 @ \$7-75; West Virginia, \$6-25 @ \$7-75; James River Steam, \$6-25; James River Carbonite, \$9 @ \$9-50; Kanawha House, \$14-25; American Gas, \$7 @ \$8-00; American Cannel, \$12 @ \$14; Pennsylvania and West moreland, \$6-75; Murphy Run, \$6-50; Newburg Orrel, \$6-50; Sterling Ohio, \$10; Ince Hall, \$17 @ \$13; Liverpool House Cannel, \$17; Liverpool Gas, \$12; Newcastle Gas, \$7; Scotch, \$7-50 @ \$8.

IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending June 8, 1875:

Hardware.	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Brown Bros. & Co.	Sheet, bbls., 681
Gun caps, cs., 1	Order.
Baker Hermann & Co.	Spiegel, lots, 1
Misc. pkgs., 1	
Casks, 1	Steel.
Degraw, Aymer & Co.	Brown Wm.
Chinas, pcs., 4	Cases, 30
Dickinson Henry,	Haigh J. J.
Casks, 1	Bessemer rods, bbls.,
Davis, Callamore & Co.	184
Packages, 4	Hogan John,
Dunt, Hunt & Co.	Cases, 13
Cases, 1	Casks, 5
Fredricks R. & Co.	Hugill Chas.
Cases, 16	Cases, 4
Hutchinson J. W.	Bundles, 147
Guns, cs., 2	Lang W. Bailey & Co.
Howard & Morse,	Bundles, 363
Nothing, galvanized,	Naylor & Co.
cs., 2	Tires, 24
Hodkinson & Haigh,	Bars, 11
Per. caps, cs., 3	Scrap, tons, 73
Hoare John,	Prosser Thos. & Sons,
Casks, 3	Steel and forgings,
Law & Gardicha,	pkgs., 91
Misc. pkgs., 4	Taylor Thos.
Mayer Bros.	Wire, cs., 2
Packages, 27	Van Wart & McCoy,
Maddock W. B.	Boxes, 1
Packages, 23	West, Bradley & Cary
Maddock T. & Bro.	Mfg. Co.
Packages, 35	Wire, rods, bbls., 78
Merchants Dispatch Co.	Cases, 9
Cartridge cases, cs., 7	Rails, 421
McCulloch & Co.	Bundles, 519
Flex, cks., 5	Cases, 9
Peter Bros.	
Misc. pkgs., 4	Metals.
Remington E. & Sons,	Byrne Joseph & Co.
Ramrods, 10	Tin, bxs., 1050
Scheuer Bros.	Cort N. L. & Co.
Cases, 11	Tin plates, bxs., 180
Strasbourg, Pfeiffer &	Dickerson J. S. & Co.
Co.	Tin plates, bxs., 1701
Packages, 9	Eneas Jos.
Van Net A. R. & Co.	Scrap, brs-s, lbs., 40
Cases, 2	Fasett M. J. & Co.
Von Cleff & Co.	Tins, cs., 1
Cases, 5	Moran Francis,
Van Wart & McCoy,	Scrap, copper, cs., 9
Cases, 2	Scrap, cs., 1
Wiebusch & Hilger Mfg.	Maitland, Phelps & Co.
Co.	Scrap, copper, cs., 1
Misc. pkgs., 5	Naylor & Co.
	Tin plates, bxs., 540
Iron.	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Cortin R. J.	Tin plates, bxs., 623
Bundles, 330	Black taggers, bxs.,
Bars, 80	290
Eneas Jos.	Requins of antimony
Scrap, tons, 1½	cs., 167
Irwin R. & Co.	Saxton & Seabury,
Tin plates, tons, 900	Zinc, cks., 20
Lang W. Bailey & Co.	Windmille, L. & Hoelke
Bundles, 240	Zinc, sheets, cks., 3
Misc. pkgs., 35	Order.
Mina, Parodi & Co.	Lead, pgs., 1984
Cases, 1	Spelter, plates, 4633
Moore's J. F. Sons,	Tin, ingots, 30
Bundles, 285	Tin plates, bxs., 2521
Naylor & Co.	
Spiegel, tons, 30	

75 were in blast. Five were building, as follows: Robson, Maynard & Co., two at Redcar Iron Works; Swan, Coates & Co., one at Port Clarence; and Bell Bros., limited, two at Port Clarence. The make of pig iron during the month amounted to 107,730 tons, which is an increase of 8567 tons on the production during March, or nearly 9 per cent. The stock of pig iron on April 30 was only 19,673 tons—a quantity 10,835 tons less than that held at the end of the previous month. The shipments to foreign parts were 33,434 tons, as compared with 23,021 tons during the corresponding month of last year. The iron was sent chiefly to Germany, Belgium, Holland and France. The shipments coastwise reached 20,213 tons, as against 20,687 tons in April, 1874. There was, therefore, a total increase in the shipments of 19,539 tons. Scotland received considerably more than half the coastwise cargoes, and Wales about one-fifth. Trade during the month was of a fairly satisfactory character, but lately there has not been much doing, and the prices that have been quoted are merely nominal ones. No. 3 is now offered at 56s, cash, and other numbers are in proportion. At this time last year No. 3 was selling at 57 1/2, cash. Manufactured iron.—The shipments of this, as compared with last year, show a falling off of 5465 tons, the quantity dispatched in April this year being only 12,589 tons, which was sent chiefly to Norway, Denmark, Russia and Spain. The demand for all kinds of finished iron has been good during the month. Large orders for rails have been given out in the district, and the rail mills are all regularly employed. This may be accounted for to some extent by the stoppage of operations in South Wales. Quotations for rails are also somewhat stiffer, but it is not reported that many orders have been taken at the advance. Plate manufacturers have been doing fairly well, and the trade is now steady, with satisfactory prospects. Prices here are slightly higher. Bar makers have profited by the strike in South Wales. Iron Foundry.—The iron foundries are not very well off at present, as they have got the bulk of their old orders worked off, and find it difficult to secure new ones, except at a reduction in prices. Engineering.—The shops are moderately well employed, but business is not equal to the average. Cut Nails.—There is a steady demand in this department, but prices are unchanged, though they are low at present to be satisfactory. The works are in full operation. Bolts and Nuts.—Makers have plenty of orders on their books, and can keep their works in full operation. The demand is exceedingly satisfactory, and good prices are being obtained. Wire.—The mills are kept pretty regularly going, and the demand is good, this being the best time of the year for wire workers. The ordinary country prices are readily obtained. Coal and Coke.—The exports from Middlesbrough during the month of April were as under:

	April, 1875.	April, 1874.
Coal, Tons	3,035	2,817
Coke, Tons	1,463	133
Coastwise	4,498	2,949
	6,847	2,977

Household coal is not in much request, but a considerable quantity of manufacturing fuel is used, and quotations remain stationary. Coke prices, which were raised some time ago, continue unchanged.

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

Owing to the Whitenside holidays, which began at noon on Saturday week, and continued in almost every instance until Thursday morning—in others all this week—there has been little or no business doing in any branch of trade. The interval has, as usual, been made use of for effecting such repairs or renewals of machinery and fittings as were needed in the iron, steel and other works.

It will thus be inferred that all kinds of quotations must be taken as being purely nominal. Hematite pig iron is quoted at the following prices by the vendors: Maryport hematite, No. 3, 80s; No. 4, 80s to 82s; No. 5, 80s and 82s; Bessemer, No. 1, 82s; No. 2, 80s; and No. 3, 80s; all per ton less 2s for prompt cash. Milon Bessemer, No. 1, 87s; No. 2, 85s; No. 3, 83s; ordinary No. 3, 85s; No. 4, 82s; No. 4, 81s; No. 5, 88s; M, 92s; and white, 87s, per ton on four months' terms, or with the customary 2s off for cash. Local foundry and forge pigs are nominally a couple of shillings easier, owing to the very considerable declension in values under one during the week by Scotch brands. Prior to the cessation of operations on Saturday week, the majority of the foundries were fairly well employed.

In finished iron generally there have literally been no transactions, so far as your correspondent has been able to learn, merchant irons of all kinds having been, as a matter of course, completely neglected. Just at the close of last week, however, a change took place in prices, the alteration being in a downward direction, and, therefore, deserving of some notice on the part of the trade. Two leading firms of merchants have, I am credibly informed, made the change, but as I have not myself seen the new price list of one of the twain, I shall content myself with giving that of the other, the Midland Iron Company (Limited). This company's works are at Masborough, near Sheffield, and it has an agency for the sale of merchant iron at Sheffield. Its own productions are of a fair medium quality, so far as the class of iron immediately in question is concerned. The amended quotations are: Bars, 9s 10s; best edge tool, 10s 10s; best plating iron, 10s 10s; hoops, 11s 10s; and sheets, 11s 10s per ton; all delivered within the limits of Sheffield. Bars are thus lowered to the extent of 10s per ton, but hoops and sheets are not at present varied from their former figures.

The annual report of the directors of the Charlton Ironworks Company, Sheffield, is not a very cheerful document for the shareholders. It states that the loss on the year's operations has been about £13,816. Of this £2800 has been paid for the cancelling of a cinder contract; £291 has been lost on the dead rent of the company's ironstone field in Northamptonshire; £2844 is put down as depreciation in the value of stock in trade; £237 for depreciation in the value of duplicate stock; £2588 for bad and doubtful debts; £2329 as loss on trading; and £2577 as the vendor's interest, etc. The capital of the company is £125,000, of which £104,605 have been called up. At the ensuing meeting the question of voluntarily winding up the company will be discussed, or, alternatively, whether the capital shall be increased.

The report of the Parkgate Iron Company states that the iron trade has been in a very depressed state during the past year, and continues so. The company's profits have, nevertheless, been sufficient to allow of a dividend of 2s per share being paid, free of income tax.

The coal trade is still very dull, there being little or no demand. Prices are, consequently, very weak, and likely to come down again very shortly.

In the cutlery branches there was nothing whatever done during the whole of the week, not a few of the manufacturers being glad of the opportunity thus afforded for closing the works during that period.

TRADES OF BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE. At Birmingham, too, the holidays were very closely kept during the first three days of last week, and, in a good many instances, a resumption of operations was postponed until to-day. The shipping branch of the hardware trade is, however, said to be improving, more

particularly with Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, France, Australia and South America. Merchants trading with Brazil have, however, been hit pretty badly by the failure of Messrs. Mana & Co., of Rio, who are likely to pay in full ultimately, but have been compelled at present to suspend payment. Coffin furniture is advanced by 8 per cent. net, but both iron and brass bedsteads have been reduced by about 5 per cent. net. There is no alteration whatever to record in the price of or demand for iron.

THE SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

The leading works in South Wales are beginning to get into operation again. At Cyfarthfa two mills are going full time; at Dowlais the Goat Mill is at work on iron orders, and the steel department has at present plenty to do in executing commissions already on the books. Plymouth is also in partial operation, and has orders which will be put in hand as soon as the warren business is effectually leveled. Llandaff, Bookers' and Trefores are in active employment, and Rhymney has better times in sight. The tin plate establishments at Trefores and elsewhere are executing a considerable quantity of work.

THE METAL MARKETS.

have been quiet during the week, but values have not been maintained. Von Daelen & Co.'s report says: "Copper—Chili is 10s to 20s better, business having been done at £82 10s for g. o. b. cash, and £82 10s for Urmeneta and g. o. b. to arrive. Tin—The tin market for first fourteen days May are telegraphed as 2100 tons Wallaroo, sold at £30 10s, f. o. b., and Burra £88 in warehouse. India sheets done at £38 to £38 10s; tough, £38 to £39. Tin—A steady business doing for consumption and export. Straits sold at £82 10s, one or two small lots at £83; Australian, at £81 10s; Billiton, at £82; English ingots, £90 to £91. In Holland, Banca, 50s 1/2; Billiton, 47s 1/2 to 47s 1/2. Tin plates again rather easier and demand slack. Lead a shade easier; sellers at £23. Spelter—Some business reported in Silesian at £24 for ordinary brands, and at £24 5s to £24 7s for specials. Quicksilver firm, at £12 per bottle.

The Mining Journal remarks: "Copper—This metal has been steady throughout the week, but owing in some measure, perhaps, to the Whitenside holidays, and also to the absence of news from Chili till toward the close of the week, the amount of business actually transacted was limited. It is probable that the returns of the latter at the end of the month will place copper in a yet more favorable statistical position. At the beginning of the week 1200 tons of copper ore sold at Swansea at an average price of 16 1/2s per unit, the produce averaging 17 13 1/2s per cent. Cape produce yielded 16 5/8s per unit, the percentage averaging 23 1/2s. The price of Chili bars, g. o. b., being £82, usual cash terms. This has been about the price at which Chili bars have stood throughout the week. Burra has changed hands at £87 10s. English tough is quoted £88 to £89; best select, £89 to £90; firing sheets, £94, and India 4 by 4, £38 10s. Yellow metal is quoted 73 1/4 to 73 1/2s. The Chili charters for the first half of May were announced by telegram on Thursday last, being in all 2100 tons, and disposed as follows: 800 tons of ore and regulus, and 900 tons of bars for England, and the remaining 400 tons being deemed to be somewhat large, the market is quiet, but holders are firm, in the belief that there will be improvement in time, and that quotations meanwhile are not likely to recede to any important extent. £22 10s has been realized to-day for Chili bars with extended prompt. Lead—This market is hardly so firm as it has been, and although quotations are maintained, sellers would be prepared to submit to some trifling reduction in price in order to secure business. Good soft English pig, £22 15s to £23; soft Spanish, without silver, £22 to £22 5s; and with silver, 5s higher. Spelter—Business has been done in Silesian at £24, ex warehouse in London, and £24 7/6 at outposts, May and June delivery. No change in English. Zinc—145 tons London rolled has realized £27 12 1/2 to £27 10s. Quicksilver. The last quotation for this metal is £12 per flask. Tin.—This market has been very firm throughout the week, but without much doing until Thursday, when the demand improved, and business was reported in Straits at rather higher prices. To-day the market has made further progress, and £84, usual cash terms, is the price paid for Straits tin; Australian, £83 10s; English ingots, £90; bars, £91 to £92. The market close strong. Tin plates are quiet.

Latest Liverpool prices are these:

Iron: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Merchant bar	8	10	0	8	15	0
Merchant bar, in Wales	8	0	0	8	5	0
Stainforthshire	9	0	0	11	15	0
Hoops	10	10	0	11	10	0
Sheet	12	5	0	13	0	0
Nail rod	9	5	0	9	10	0
Bar, best crown	9	0	0	9	5	0
Boiler plates	11	5	0	12	0	0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Charcoal, I. C.	1	14	0	1	17	0
Coke, I. C.	1	5	0	1	8	0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bolt and Sheathing	29	0	0	29	0	0
Tile	88	0	0	88	0	0
Tough cake	90	0	0	90	0	0
Best selected	92	0	0	92	0	0

Miller's Improved Egg Beater.

The accompanying illustration represents Miller's Improved Egg Beater, a novelty only recently placed on the market. The motion of this machine is vibratory, and is similar in its



operation to the old fashioned method of beating eggs with an ordinary wire whip. The manufacturer claims for this Egg Beater that its vibratory motion, obviating the whirl given the eggs by the rotary egg beaters so commonly used, will do the work more rapidly than any other machine of its class on the market. It is claimed for it that it will beat the white of eggs into a stiff froth in half a minute. The motion is produced by a wrist pin on the pinion operating in a slot at the upper part of the beater bar. The beater is of tinned wire, and the article is well finished, strong and

durable. J. Clark Wilson & Co., No 81 Beekman street, are the sole agents for these goods in this city. They offer them to the trade at \$4 per dozen, discount 10 per cent.

Brass Works of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Conn.

The manufacture of brass and the countless articles made from that metal is a business for which the State of Connecticut, and especially the city of Waterbury, has long been famous. The treatment of the subject in all its bearings would be a work of immense magnitude; our present purpose is simply to sketch the progress of a single firm in this industry.

The works of the Scovill Manufacturing Company are situated in Waterbury; the buildings fronting on Mill street present a continuous line of 800 feet, being for the most part three stories in height, and substantially built of brick. To the rear extend wings and many out buildings; a canal, half a mile in length, leads water to their wheels, improvements of the water-power costing the company \$60,000 within a few years. The water drives two wheels of about 100 horse-power each. Additional to this there is a steam engine of 100 horse-power. 400 operatives are constantly employed. The value of goods continually on hand, made or in process of manufacture, is more than a half a million of dollars. The capital employed by the company is about a million and a quarter. The business was established as long ago as 1802. The capital at first was very small and for a long time the growth was slow. Even 40 years ago the business was comparatively small, all of it being done in one wooden building two stories in height, and in another one story wooden building, part of which was occupied as a grist mill. The growth of the concern to its present size forms an interesting part of the history of American manufactures, and one extremely creditable to mechanical ingenuity, energy and skill. Here the brass business in this country was first begun. That it should have succeeded so well in spite of limited means, local disadvantages and inexperience, is surprising. This success is due in some degree no doubt to a judicious protective tariff, but still more to the energy of the managing men, the invention of labor saving machinery by skilled mechanics, and the great perfection and beauty of the goods, which their taste and skill has enabled them to produce. Their goods now go to all parts of the world, and are sold in Birmingham itself in the very face of the British lion.

One important branch of their manufacture is button making. To this one of their largest buildings is exclusively devoted. They make a specialty of military and naval buttons, and all other uniform buttons, such as are worn by militia companies, firemen, railroad men, schools, colleges, and societies throughout the country. They supply, to a large extent, the Cuban and the Spanish-American government with buttons for their troops. They also make a great variety of buttons for liveries, from designs and dies to order. A corps of designers and die-sinkers is employed on work of this sort, and in getting up new styles of buttons to suit the taste of the ladies. The wonderful variety of designs accumulated in this way during the course of years can scarcely be conceived without a visit to their cabinet of samples, which contains buttons of every imaginable pattern, gilt, silver-plated, nickel-plated, bronzed, enameled, oxidized, silvered, stamped, chased, or brightly burnished. There are also buttons of glass and metal combined, or of metal and cloth. Also an infinite variety of covered buttons; lasting, worsted and brocade for men's wear, and silks and velvets of all shades for ladies' wear.

Another department of the works is devoted to the making of wrought brass butts and hinges. The machinery for making them works automatically, and is the invention of mechanics in the employ of the company. These hinges range in size from three-eighths of an inch to seven or eight inches. The cheaper ones are used for furniture, inside blinds to houses, &c., &c. More expensive ones of ornamental patterns, gilt, silver-plated and engraved, are made for use on pianofortes. Hinges of special patterns are furnished to order. Many are made specially designed for sewing machine cabinets. Very strong and heavy ones are made for use on ship board, where iron is objectionable from its liability to rust.

The company have just completed machinery for the manufacture of furniture casters, made entirely from wrought metal, by processes of their own invention. The peculiar merit of the casters consists in the introduction of small iron balls, acting as friction rollers, and thus causing the caster to turn more readily than the ordinary casters. Being of wrought metal they are also much stronger than the common ones, which are made of cast metal.

A large department is devoted to the manufacture of kerosene oil burners, lamps and lamp trimmings. In this as in other branches of work this company has had marked success and is noted for the perfection of its work. A great variety of burners and lamps, as well as large quantities, are made by them, and are shipped all over this continent and also to Europe.

Thinblims are made here of silver plated brass, and of German silver. They are formed by powerful machinery from a flat disc of metal, after which they are turned, milled and burnished. The latter grades are made with the same care as the best silver thinblims, and are for practical purposes equally good.

Mattings and preservers for photographs have been made in this establishment for many years. The demand since the introduction of card pictures has greatly decreased, but at one time the making of these goods was a considerable part of the business of the company.

It was originally taken up in connection with the manufacture of plated metal daguerreotype plates, in the manufacture of which this company were pioneers.

Plated metal is still an important branch of their manufacture. It is used for coach lamps, reflectors and many other articles. It is made by uniting ingot copper and a plate of silver, the whole being rolled into a thin sheet, leaving one side coated with the silver, while the other shows copper only. In Europe the silver is united to the ingot by heat, but the Scovill Manufacturing Company have a secret process by which the union is made without heat and without leaving the silver liable to flake off in working, as is often the case with the foreign articles. Metal plated in the same way with platinum or gold is also made here; also a white metal silver plated, an article never successfully produced by any other manufacturers. For the making of this plated metal the company have a mill detached from their other buildings, which is devoted exclusively to this work, the rolls being made especially for it and highly polished.

The "drawing department" is the name given to that part of the works devoted to the manufacture of brass ferrules for handles, canes, fish-rods, etc. Seamless tube, solid drawn, is also made here, being drawn up from sheet metal without the use of any solder. It is greatly superior to the ordinary brazed or soldered tube, being sounder, smoother, and of much greater strength.

The portion of the works employing the most capital, and on the whole the most important of all, is the rolling mill, a building 300 by 120 feet, adjacent to which is the casting shop, of 100 by 75 feet. It employs 100 men and produces annually about 2,000,000 pounds of sheet metal. This metal is all rolled cold, and is of the finest quality. Part of it is brass, and part is gilding metal, oroid, German silver, etc. It is rolled of all thicknesses, down to that of the thinnest writing-paper. It is made of all qualities and tempers to suit the almost infinite requirements of manufacture. Some is made tough and ductile for spinning and stamping into irregular shapes. Some highly tempered, for springs or reeds for musical instruments, while other is made to be easily drilled or turned. This list is adapted for the works of clocks or similar purposes. The brass for the inside works of all American watches is made here, as is also the nickel metal for the same purpose. The oroid is a close imitation of gold, and is much used by jewelers. The German silver, otherwise called albatra, is used to some extent on show cases, for the ornamentation of steam fire engines, for cornets and other musical instruments, etc.; but by far the largest part of it is used for making silver plated spoons, forks and other table ware. For this latter purpose thousands of pounds are consumed daily. In the manufacture of most of the articles above mentioned the Scovill Manufacturing Company have introduced many original processes and perfected special machinery.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.

This branch of business, though of comparatively recent origin, has become very extensive, and now embraces several distinct departments, either of which is of sufficient magnitude to require separate and individual management.

This company has from the earliest inception of the art of photography, employed a heavy amount of capital and able and intelligent talent in the development of the various requirements of the craft, and have manufactured and imported every article used in the business.

Divided into its respective heads the departments may be named as follows:

Photographic apparatus, embracing the camera obscura, or camera box, with its various styles of holders or dark slides, and stands for gallery and field photography. The principal factory of the company, devoted exclusively to this department, is that of the American Optical Company, which is not only the largest in the world, but deservedly enjoys the reputation of turning out the most perfect apparatus which has ever been produced, while its many new and original inventions are unique in practical usefulness, beauty of design and elegance of workmanship. Necessary to the attainment of such excellence, so fundamentally important to the successful prosecution of the art, this establishment employs a large force of skilled artisans, who have undergone a long and careful preparatory course of practical instruction. Apart from the very extensive demand in our own country for the products of this factory, the exports to the principal countries in Europe form no inconsiderable proportion of the business of the company. The actual birthplace of the art of photography, Paris, was among the first to discover the superiority of the inventions of this establishment, while Germany, England and Scotland followed closely in her wake, evidencing the high estimation in which these wars are held in the very art centers of the Old World.

This company also own the extensive factory known as Samuel Peck & Co., at New Haven, Conn., where less elaborate and lower priced articles of photographic apparatus are made, such as are most commonly used in galleries of more moderate pretensions, yet in all parts of mechanical accuracy and durability of construction, its products stand unrivaled. At this factory are also made cases, frames and trays. This department embraces all that relates to the exterior finish of the daguerreotype, ferrotype, ambrotype and photograph, and comprises cases of almost infinite variety of Morocco, velvet, paper and composition; frames, passepartouts and trays of beautiful construction and elaborate and costly design. The many appliances required in the manufacture of these goods are very expensive, involving, in some instances, a cost of \$500 and upward

for a single die from which the case or frame is made.

In the early history of the art, American photographic chemicals were unknown, and this company were the first to import such as were required. As the art grew in importance and magnitude, many discoveries were made by American experts, and the necessary chemicals were manufactured to a considerable extent by this company, more especially compounds such as collodions, salts of gold, silver, and various other metals, varnishes, developing preparations and enamels, which surpassed foreign products not only in point of excellence but in cheapness, so that their preparations have to-day an unrivaled reputation, and are in active demand in all quarters of the world where the art is practiced.

In the department of importations may be enumerated English, French, and German photographic glass; photographic papers, plain and albumenized, and certain unmixed chemicals, such as hyposulphite soda, pyrogallol acid, etc., which, owing to the comparative cheapness of foreign labor and certain material, can be brought into the country at a lower cost than they can be made here. This company supplies these foreign goods to photographers and jobbers in photographic materials, and they are the recognized headquarters for everything pertaining to the art.

Under the head of accessories comes photographic backgrounds, plain in woolen, distemper and oil, and painted in imitation of landscapes and interiors; position chairs, of original and exceptionally chaste and exquisite design; tables, pillars, imitation rocks and rustic seats, photographic curtains of silk and reps, of varied styles and qualities. Without particularizing or attempting further to classify the products of this branch of manufacture and importation, it is believed that this company has done more to develop the art of photography and facilitate its prosecution than all the combined agencies beside, subsidizing not only every known instrumentality which invention has devised, but fostering every resource which money and the progressive instincts of a refined and cultured race have developed.

This company are also sole agents for the Phoenix Plate Co's. ferrotype plates, on which the ferrotype picture is made. These plates are made in black and chocolate colors by a patented process. The products of the Phoenix Plate Company not only exceed in magnitude those of all combined manufacturers beside, but are unequalled in quality.

The company's principal warehouses are located at Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, New York. The building measures 50 by 100 feet in area, is steam heated and supplied with steam elevators and every modern business convenience. The basement extends a distance of 25 feet beneath the court yard in rear of building, affording safe location for the boilers and engines, and below the front sidewalk are spacious vaults for storage purposes. They also have depots for the sale of their manufactures at No. 137 State street, Chicago, and No. 112 Federal street, Boston.

We are aware that this brief sketch conveys but an imperfect idea of the extent, variety and complicated nature of the business carried on by the Scovill Manufacturing Company, but it may afford some conception of the amount of energy, enterprise, skill and executive ability required to conduct such extensive operations. From small beginnings this company have built up a business which has added very materially to the prosperity of the city where their principal works are located; have bestowed direct benefit upon every consumer of their goods by lessening the cost of production while improving the quality of the articles; and have extended the reputation of American inventive and mechanical skill, not only within our own borders, but to many distant lands.

Iron Making in the South—Cold Blast Charcoal.

CARTERSVILLE, GA., June 2, 1875.

To the Editor of The Iron Age: In Southwest Virginia there are several small cold blast charcoal furnaces, chiefly in Wythe county—three, when in blast, run by water-power, and two by steam. Those run by water have been very profitable. The ores used at all these are limonites (brown hematite) of good quality. In one of them, an old stack near Mr. Graham's house, probably not less than 25,000 tons of iron have been made, the blast run by a wheel 30 feet in diameter, turned by the force of a stream but little more than a respectable spring branch; blowers square wooden. These furnaces may all be safely said to make a ton of pig with from 150 to 160 bushels of charcoal, the cost of which varies from 7 to 10 cents per bushel. Capital, part Northern; product from 2 1/2 to 4 tons each per day; only two now in blast.

In Lincoln county, N. C., there is one cold blast charcoal furnace of about 4 tons per day capacity. The singular magnetic ore of that region, called catanbarite, is used, and an excellent iron made. Other furnaces in the neighborhood not running.

The first furnace belonging strictly to the region I am discussing is near Bristol, Tenn., about three miles from the railroad. It is known as the Bushong furnace, and is now leased by Mr. E. Gallup, formerly of Connecticut. The stack is 30 feet high with a 7 1/2 foot bosh. The ore used is a species of red hematite, slightly magnetic, and fuses very readily. It has the singular property of breaking into squares and oblongs; a piece weighing two or three hundred pounds may be broken into pieces an inch or less square, all of perfect shape. Mr. Gallup pays \$1 per ton rent for the property, about 25 cents per cord for wood, and 50 cents for ore. His misfortune is in having to haul both some distance, and then haul the pig three miles to the railroad; nev-

ertheless he makes iron very cheap, and can safely calculate on a ton from 160 bushels of pig iron. He uses water-power. He commenced the iron business eight years ago in Southwest Virginia without a dollar of capital by leasing a furnace. He has done well and made money, and he says he has gained what he never had in Connecticut, good health. Produces about 5 tons a day.

Nearly straight west from him is the Cumberland Gap furnace, and near it the Speedwell furnace, each of capacity to produce about 3 to 3½ tons per day. The first is owned by some Northern men, who made a failure, but they now contract the making of the pig to some of the country people at the nominal price of \$30 per ton, and pay them in goods from the store. They are near to the ore, but haul their coal 2 to 3 miles. The Speedwell is in the midst of a good timbered country, but haul ore 3½ miles. They claim to make pig at \$14 per ton. The first about \$15. These furnaces get their iron to market during freshets, by floating down Powell's River to the Clinch, then down the Clinch to the Tennessee, and down that river to Chattanooga. Including hauling to the river it costs them \$7 per ton to get their pig delivered in Chattanooga. Their ore is red fossiliferous. Both are now in blast.

There are no other charcoal furnaces on the northwest side of the Tennessee River; but returning to the south side, in Carter county, near Elizabethton, is the old Blair furnace, not now in blast. This property was bought, and the furnace ran, by a couple of enterprising Western men, but they went in debt for 30,000 acres of land, which they did not need, and when eight times came they failed. It has been several times reported as sold to English parties, but as yet without truth. Distant 10 miles from railroad, a little farther southwest, in Washington county, is the furnace of the Knoxville Car Company. It is about 28 feet high, 7½ feet bosh, with water-power and modern blowers; makes about 4 tons per day of excellent iron, which is almost entirely used by the Knoxville Car Wheel Company. The ore is of the limonite species, chiefly small shot and pulverulent. Hauls eight miles to the railroad.

This completes the list of cold blast furnaces in East Tennessee, and it is plain that none of them can place their pig in market at Chattanooga for less than \$23, and it is probable that none except the Cumberland Gap furnaces can do it so low as that amount. The chief trouble of all of them is bad roads in winter, but it pays better to be thus troubled and get the wood cut, coal burned and hauled at that season than to use up capital in carrying large stocks. Labor is but a small item at all these furnaces, as they are off from railroad lines, and hands can be gotten at low rates, and are almost entirely paid off in goods at large profits.

In Georgia there is now running but one strictly cold blast furnace. In this, Bartow county, there are four which were running up to the panic. One, on the Western and Atlantic Railroad, known as Roger's, is 36 feet high, with a 9 foot bosh. It was originally constructed by a man who pretended to know everything, but had never seen a charcoal furnace, hence he put in the steep anthracite bosh. After various failures the interior was remodelled and the boshes flattened. It has never made its proper quantity of iron, because of bad management and utter want of knowledge of the iron business. The last blast it did not run on Sundays, stopping up, and only 6 tons per day was made. It had been demonstrated that with proper management a ton of good iron could be made with 140 bushels of charcoal. The quality of the iron when made from the Guyton Hill ore (the great bank I heretofore mentioned) was good, but ignorance and the mixing in of an inferior ore near the furnace often spoiled the product. About \$40,000 is invested in this furnace—all Southern. They now wish to get capital to fit up so as to run on coke. Ore has been delivered in wagons at \$2.75 per ton, but by a narrow gauge road connecting from the Guyton Hill to the M. & A. R. R., an ore ranging from 55 to 60 per cent. metallic iron could be delivered at \$1 to \$1.50 per ton. Limestone is immediately at the furnace. The cold blast charcoal iron heretofore made at this furnace has probably cost not less than \$25 per ton, as frequently 160 to 170 bushels of coal were used, and the cost per bushel never under 8 cents. Steam-power, with one horizontal blower 60x60 inches.

On Stamp Creek are three furnaces run by water-power, all about the same size, and only one now in blast, that being owned and run by Mr. Ward, formerly associate editor of the *Mining Journal*. It is 28 feet high, 7½ feet boshes, blown with one tuyere, blast from wooden blowers, power from a water wheel directly under the blowers. He uses oven and pit coal, though now mostly the former, and makes about 3 tons of iron per day on 150 to 160 bushels of coal. His charges, when I was last there, were 450 lbs. of roasted ore, 12 bushels of coal and 30 lbs. of limestone. He hauls part of his ore 3½ miles, and his limestone about the same distance, and hauls his pig 10 miles to the railroad, at this place. The returning wagons take back a load of ore. He pays most of his labor from the store. I think his iron costs him about \$22 at the railroad, from which must be deducted store profits. He has about \$20,000 invested in land and fixtures, teams and wagons.

The first iron furnace in Georgia, Alabama, or Tennessee was erected in this country, and on Stamp Creek, by Jacob Stroup, a Pennsylvanian, in 1838. It is near where the creek runs into the Etowah, in by no means a favorable location except for water-power, but the old man made a great deal of money selling iron at \$13 per ton. The stack still stands, and is the property of the Etowah Company. Later, Dr. Lewis built the three furnaces I have mentioned above, and made a large fortune operating them. A

narrow gauge railway is chartered to run in two miles of them up the Iron Valley, and when built will not only enable them to deliver their pig on the railroad for \$2 less than at present, but will open for operations some of the largest beds of limonite ore in the United States, surrounded, too, by vast tracts of timbered land.

On the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad there is only one strictly cold-blast charcoal furnace, though the pig made by the small furnace at Shelby, during its last blast, was run with air at so very low a heat that its quality was extra good and claimed to be truly cold-blast. Bibb county furnace is located near Brierfield Station, and has probably had as varied fortunes as any like establishment in the world. First built during the war, it was burned by Gen. Wilson, then rebuilt in 1866, and badly managed until, on the 29th of last month, it was sold under foreclosure sale. Originally intended for a charcoal furnace, it was placed in charge of Gen. Gorges, chief of ordnance of the late confederacy, who may have been a good judge of iron, but knew nothing about making it. He undertook to run it on raw coal, or poor coke, or coke and charcoal, and once on billets of wood. The result was the utter annihilation of about \$275,000 of money, all Southern. After the assignment it was run under lease by Capt. T. S. Alvis, who made an excellent iron, but had no capital to back him; he started operations with \$60. The ore is chiefly of the species of limonite called "liver ore," and from it the best iron has been made. It had a reputation beyond any iron in the South. The landed property is about 6000 acres land, of which about one-half has been cleared of wood. The stack is 40 feet high, with boshes 10 feet in diameter; the steam is furnished by three boilers, return flue, 30 feet long and 40 inches diameter; the blast by blowers 8 feet long 4 feet diameter, driven by a steam cylinder 4 feet by 16 inches. Another stack near is incomplete. A tram road runs three miles to the railroad, where there is a small rolling mill. Pig iron was formerly made here at the following rates:

160 bushels of charcoal, 10c.....	\$16.00
2 tons roasted ore.....	5.00
Lime (25 per cent. of amount of ore).....	65¢
Labor.....	4.50
	\$26.15

But now Capt. Alvis claims that everything may be reduced 30 per cent., as labor is much cheaper; this would make cost of ton \$20.80 at the furnace. Transportation to Louisville, \$5 per ton of 2000 lbs. With due deference to Capt. Alvis' opinion, I must say that I do not think pig can be made at this furnace as at present located for less than \$23 per ton, and there must be a constant annual increase.

In stating the height of these cold blast charcoal stacks, it must be remembered that I state outside measurement. All of them have a throat from 2 to 2½ feet in height, which, of course, reduced their working capacity. The interior shape is that of a short egg, flat boshes and steep hearths. I should have stated, too, that from Cartersville the Stamp Creek furnaces can put their iron in Louisville at \$4.50 per ton, and in Cincinnati for the same on completion of the C. S. R. R.

On the Coosa River, below Rome, Ga., and thought in Alabama to be best reached from that point, are two furnaces classed as cold blast, Cornwall and Round Mountain, though the latter has put in pipes under its boilers, and claims only to warm its air a little. In fact many of the furnaces classed as cold blast have pipes over their trunk head. Cornwall, however, is strictly a cold blast furnace, and has made a very superior quality of pig iron, but its financial affairs have been poorly managed. It was built during the war with detailed blueprints. As an evidence of want of common sense in its construction, the water is brought half a mile in an open ditch, and then to get to the wheels passes a distance of one hundred and fifty feet under a high hill in a dirt tunnel partly timbered. Then the wheels are so set that a slight rise in the river checks their power very materially, while a little higher rise floods their cast house. Then the stack is built 3½ miles from the ore, and 3 to 3½ from the great wooded belt. Notwithstanding all these disadvantages iron has been made here, for the average of one month, with 142½ bushels of charcoal to the ton, and at a gross cost of \$30.60. I do not think the average of a year will show so well. In winter they are troubled with bad roads—I might say fearfully bad. I shall carry with me for years the memory of a night ride from the river to the furnace, and they said the roads were good to what they had been. The bottom simply drops out of them in winter, and they dry to powder in summer. A little steamboat has been put on the Chattanooga, though, which will hereafter haul pig to the Coosa, when the roads are bad. The stack is 38 feet high with boshes 9 feet in diameter, blast driven by two turbine wheels, and has four blowers, each 6 feet by 8, only two used at a time. The make when running regularly is 10 tons per day. Ore, red fossiliferous, of that known in Tennessee as the White Oak Mountain vein; 2 tons or less make a ton of iron; they skin the vein, using only the richest. They claim cost of \$2 for ore to the ton of pig; charcoal they claim costs 8 cents per bushel. These figures are no doubt correct, as they pay no royalty on either, nor taxes or interest on the land they come from. The charge is 600 lbs. of ore and 70 lbs. of limestone—I could not get the charcoal definitely. The property is in the hands of a trustee, and now run on lease by Capt. McElwain, whose interest it is, of course, to make as much money out of it as possible. The future cost of iron at this furnace, if it is run in the future, must come near to \$25 per ton. Transportation to the Coosa is \$1, and thence to Rome \$2.24; from Rome to Louisville \$5. Total, at present furnace cost, \$28.84.

The Round Mountain furnace was rushed up in a hurry on the remains of an old stack which had existed during the war. As originally put in blast it was 45 feet high with 9 feet bosh, and a bell and hopper top, and sundry other foolish arrangements. It was put in blast in the spring of 1874, and did very badly, when Capt. Wurtz, of Stonewall, was asked to take temporary charge and remodel it. He took out the inwall and drew in the boshes to 8 feet 6 inches, also put in a smaller hearth, and threw out the bell and hopper. It then did very well making 8 tons per day of first-class iron. Not content with this the managers put in air pipes under the boilers, and increased the yield to 12 tons per day, as they say, without injuring the quality of their pig. The furnace and property has cost \$200,000; the machinery is all of the best character, the blowing engine by Nobles, having an air cylinder 48 x 72 inches; the boilers and fittings from Alsie, Cochran & Co. are four plain cylinders 50 feet long and 40 inches diameter. The plain truth is that they spent money for two furnaces before they knew that one would pay. Their ore costs them \$1.50 to the ton of iron, limestone about 50 cents, and charcoal calculated at 8 cents per bushel—10 cents will probably cover it, as some is hauled 4 to 5 miles over roads where the oxen or mules mire belly deep in winter and die of thirst in summer. Nevertheless, had the stack been properly built and properly located, a little narrow gauge road run into their timber and to the river (half a mile), and ovens been constructed, I believe they could have made pig iron cheaper than any furnace in the United States. The capital is all Southern, and Mr. Sibley, the president, is a good financier. The record of three months' running of this furnace since the warm blast was put in gives 128, 133½ and 139½ bushels of charcoal as the respective averages. It is claimed that they now make iron at \$14.45 per ton, but I calculate as follows:

Charcoal, 133 bushels at 8 cents.....	\$10.64
Ore.....	1.50
Limestone.....	.50
Labor at furnace and office (superintendent and president each \$2500, per ton).....	4.00
Interest.....	3.83½
Total.....	\$19.97½

Now, I do not calculate interest on the \$200,000, but on \$12,000, the sum of interest for the year which the furnace lay idle or was in trouble. The cost of delivering their iron in Rome and Louisville is the same as from Cornwall.

In the western part of Middle Tennessee there are four cold blast charcoal furnaces, two of them eligibly located in Stewart county, near the Cumberland River, the others not near transportation, one in Dickson, the other in Lewis county. Col. Killebrew, in his *Resources of Tennessee*, states that the two in Stewart county, in 1873, made pig with about 175 bushels of charcoal to the ton, which cost 8 cents per bushel, the ore to a ton costing \$5. My record of one of Hillman's furnaces is:

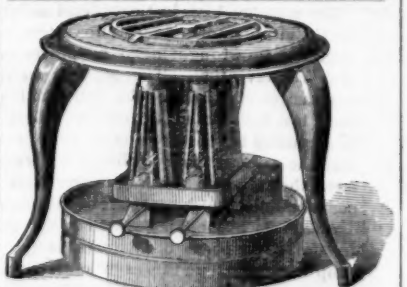
190 bushels of charcoal at 6 cents.....	\$11.40
2½ tons of ore at \$4.....	5.00
Limestone.....	.50
Labor, superintendent and office.....	3.04
Total.....	\$19.94

The usual price for common labor in that region now is not over \$1 per day; labor about the furnace \$1.25 to \$1.50. Charcoal is contracted for to be delivered to furnace at 6 cents, ore at \$2 per ton, limestone at small cost, labor and all to be paid part in cash and part in goods from the store.

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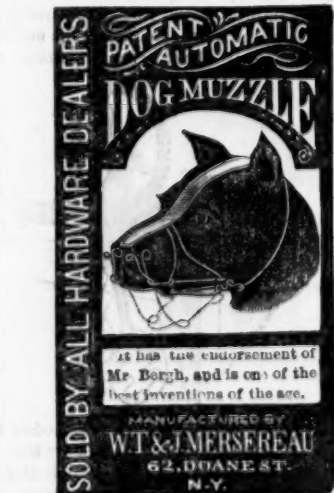
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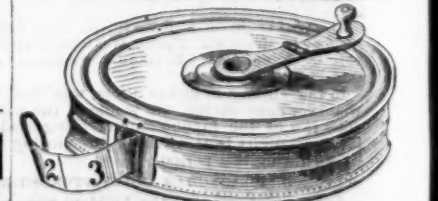
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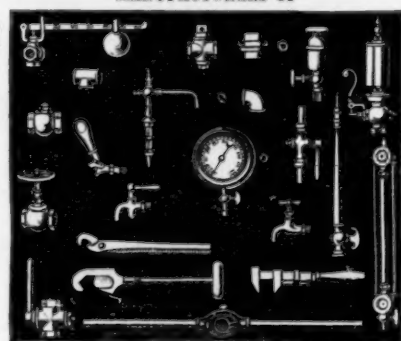
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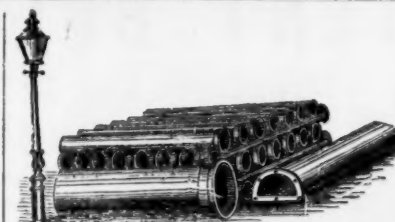


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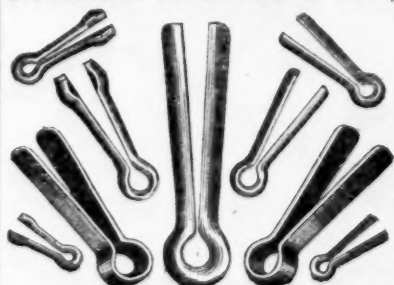
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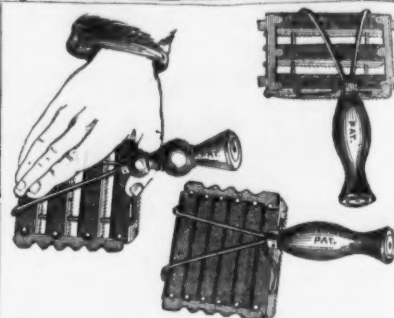
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The twentieth steamship from the yard of Messrs. John Roach & Son since October, 1871, was launched at Chester June 5th. Her name is the "City of New York." She will be of a capacity of 3500 tons, custom house measurement, with accommodations for 157 first cabin and 1300 steerage passengers. It is just 30 days since the "City of San Francisco" was launched from the ways then alongside of those which the "City of New York" left to-day. The latter named vessel is in all respects exactly the duplicate of the one by the side of which she was constructed. Her keel was laid November 10th, 1874; and another—the third—ship of precisely the same type and size will follow her into the water within about a month. Each of these three ships is 353 feet long, by 40½ feet wide, with a depth of 39½ feet from the hurricane deck and 81 feet from the spar deck. They will all be barque rigged, and each will spread 17,000 square feet of canvass.

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The machinery proper consists of a pair of compound engines, fitted with a surface condenser and six boilers, and with separate engines for working the air and circulating pumps, and also the feed and bilge pumps. By this arrangement the main engines have no work except to turn the propeller. The high pressure cylinder is 51 inches in diameter, and the low pressure 88, each having stroke of piston of five feet. This plan has the great practical value of rendering impossible any breakage of the pump gear from the "racing" of the propeller engines in heavy weather—thus insuring always the regular and easy operation of the pumps. The six boilers are cylindrical in form, and measure 13½ feet in diameter, by 10½ feet long, tested for a working pressure of 90 pounds per square inch. There are three furnaces in each boiler, and the aggregate amount of grate surface in all the boilers is 380 square feet, and the entire heating surface is 12,000 square feet. The propeller is of the Hirsch patent, and has a diameter of 25 feet. The shaft is 130 feet long by 16 inches in diameter. The maximum performance of the engines will be 65 to 70 revolutions per minute, with a speed of vessel in good weather of 15 to 16 knots per hour. In case of accident serious enough to require it, the air and circulating pumps can be used as bilge pumps to clear the ship of water. These are in addition to the two No. 8 donkey pumps specially provided in case of leakage or fire. On the main engine there are two large bilge pumps, arranged to be connected or disconnected at will. On the pumping engines are four bilge pumps; and in addition to these the air circulating pumps can, at a moment's notice, be converted into bilge pumps also. Other bilge pumps of large capacity can be driven by the hoisting engines when it may be necessary. The aggregate power of all the pumps to free the ship of water is 100,000 gallons, or 357 tons per minute. There are seven bulkheads which divide the steamship into eight water-tight compartments.

Resumption at Joliet.

The Joliet *Republican* says: After nearly two years of idleness the Joliet Iron & Steel Works are again in full operation in every department. The steel works commenced work again, after over a year of idleness, on Oct. 1st, 1874, but the iron mills have remained idle up to Monday, May 17th, when they commenced running on single turn. The second day run they turned out 75 tons of rails, which, considering the fact that the mills had been idle so long, and the men were most of them green hands or out of practice, is a good showing for a single turn. On Monday of this week they began running double turns, and as they have plenty of work now on hand and more in prospect we can safely predict steady business for the future. Such is the condition of the iron mills.

The Bessemer steel works and rail mills are running to their full capacity, and the work done last month we challenge the world to beat. As the statement made at the time was doubted by some of our Eastern exchanges, we give the following official figures taken from the books of the company.

Bessemer Department Joliet Iron and Steel Works, converting mill product for the month of April 1875:

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While the iron works of the East are many of them idle, and others only running half turns, it is a subject of congratulation for our city that our mills are thus active, and prosperous, the more so as a very large proportion of the hands employed are residents here and personally interested in the welfare and prosperity of Joliet. It is we believe largely due to this fact that the works have made such a record since last started; the men are individually interested in the prosperity and success of the mills, and work to win. In fact the only trouble ever experienced with the men, so far as we have been able to learn, was with tramps and those who came from other parts, and made trouble by their loafing and drunkenness.

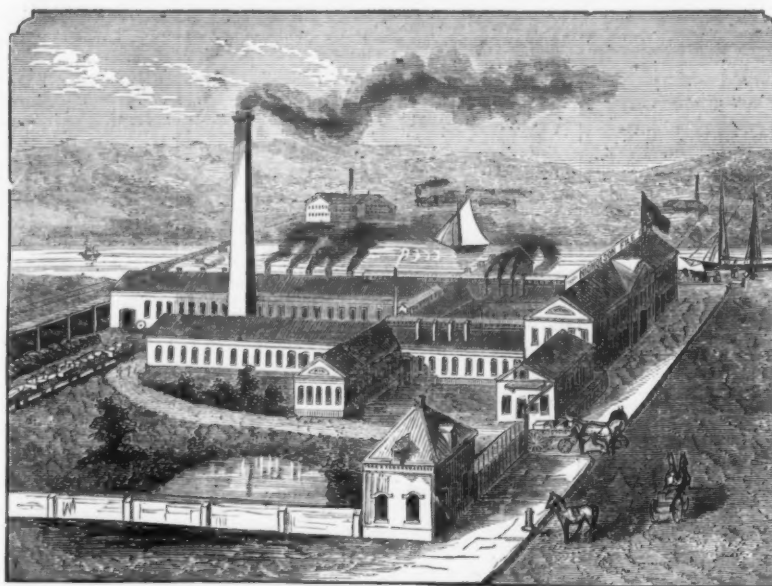


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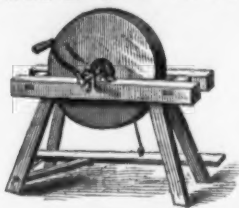
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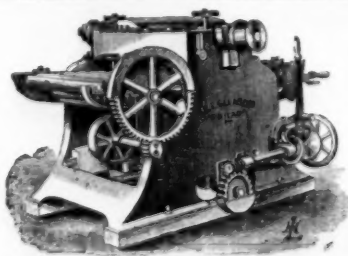
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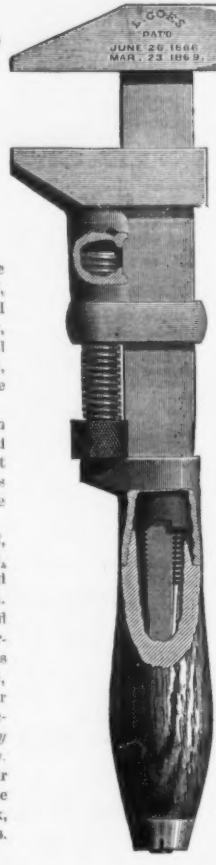
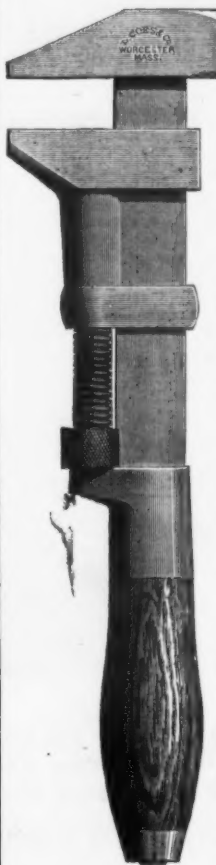
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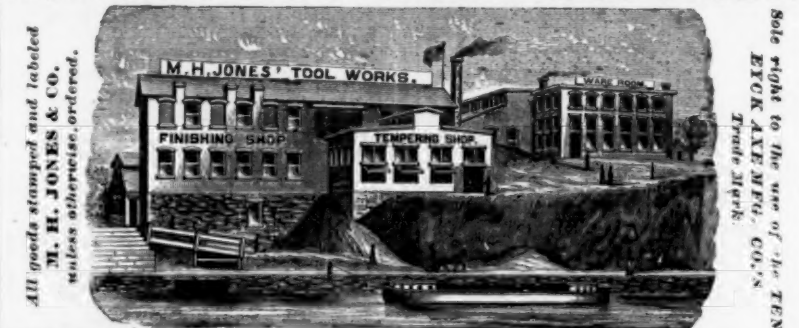
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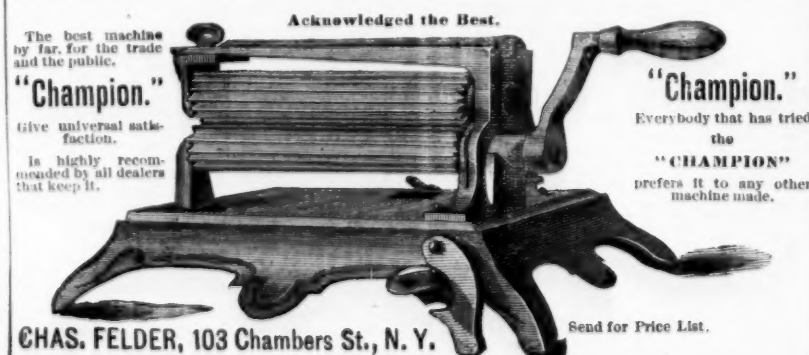
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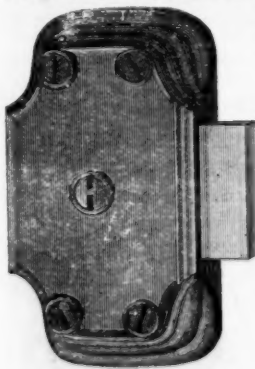
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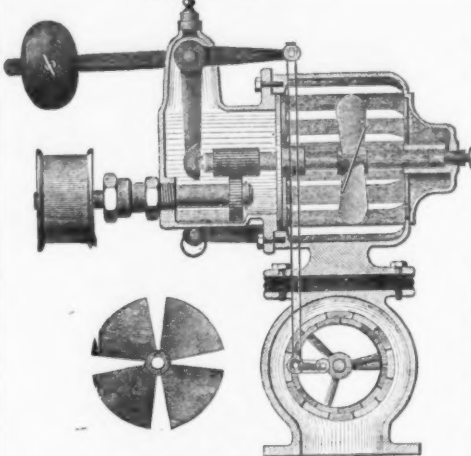
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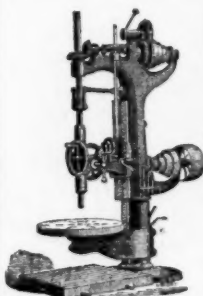
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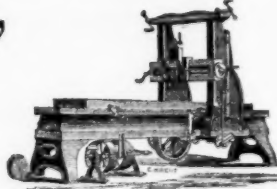
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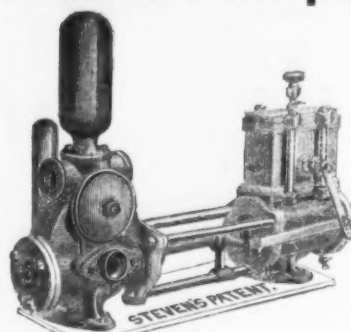
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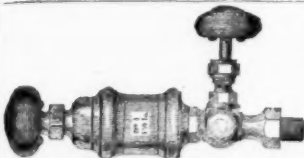
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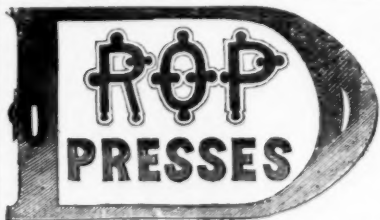
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is so well known that we will only describe our improve-
ments. The patent is now working under the name of
BENNETT HOTCHKISS (who in an interference case with
Goulding and Cheney was declared the first inventor)
and N. C. STILES. Our improvements consist:
First.—Of an arrangement of parts that makes it the
most complete Jobbing Hammer, and will take the place
to a great extent, of all other tools for forcing. In ad-
dition to the upright rod, which is operated by the ham-
mer to open and close the rolls, we place another rod
the lower end of which is secured to the end of a lever
which is operated by the hand or foot, which operation
also opens and closes the rolls at will. The lower end
of this rod has a slot, so that the action of the hammer will
not disturb the hand lever, thereby preventing the hand
being injured, as otherwise would be the case.
Second.—No dog is used on the upright to hold up the
hammer. The belt or board passes up between two
friction rolls under the rolls, so arranged that as the
hammer falls they will freely open of themselves, but
as the hammer rises they will close and hold up the hammer.
To let the hammer fall the clamps are opened by pres-
sure upon the foot treadle.
Third.—The board or belt is secured to the hammer by
an elastic connection, which prevents the sudden jar and
destruction of the same. The back roll is made adjust-
able to different thicknesses of board or belt, and also
allows the operator to obtain any height of blow desired
automatically. If one blow is wanted, press upon the
treadle and remove the pressure as soon as the blow is
given. Keep the foot upon the treadle to hold up the
hammer. If a blow of less height than the collar is set for is re-
quired, work the hand lever, which will give you any height
of blow desired. The hammer can be held up at any point
below the collar by bracing the hand lever into action
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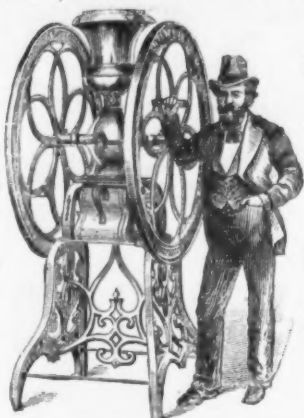
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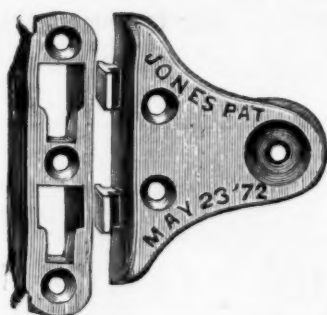
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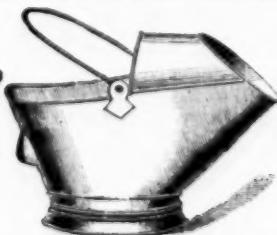
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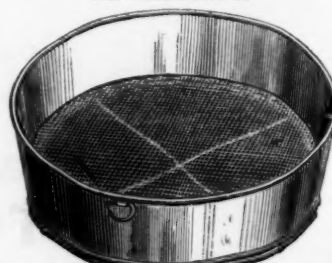
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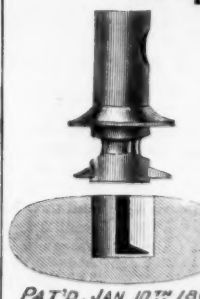
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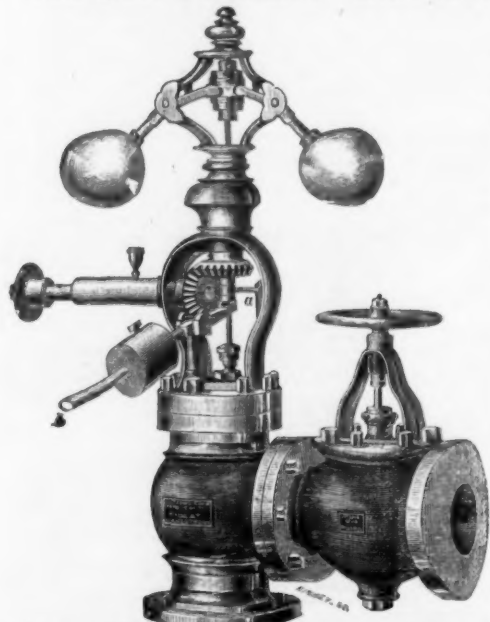
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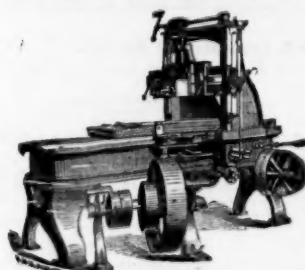
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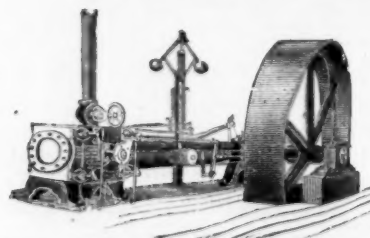
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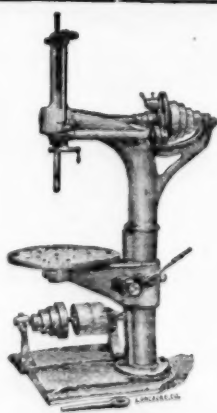
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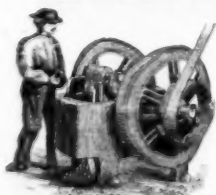
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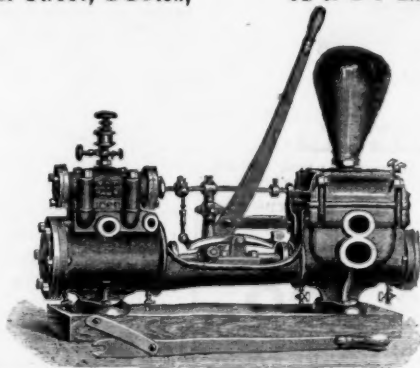
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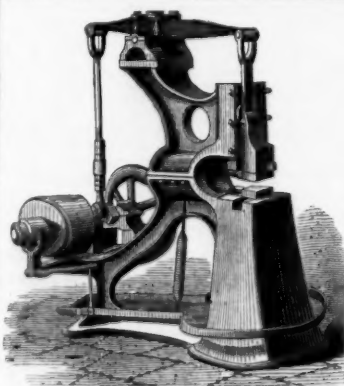
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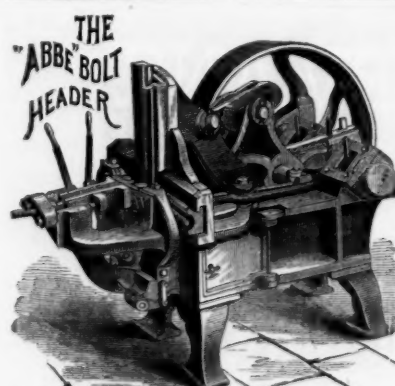
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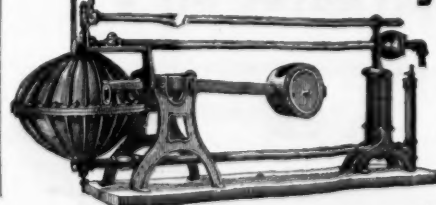


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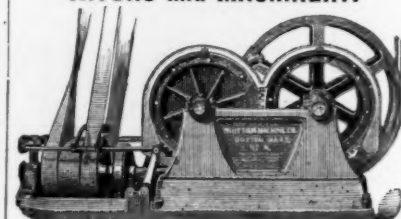
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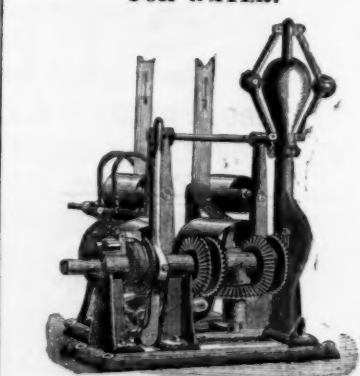
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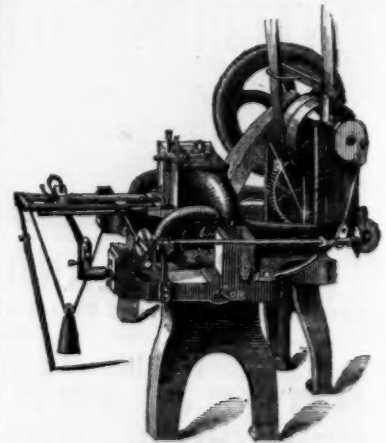
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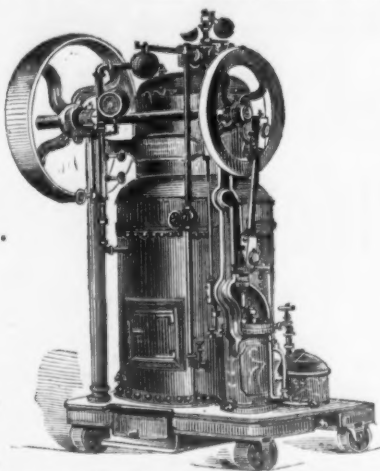
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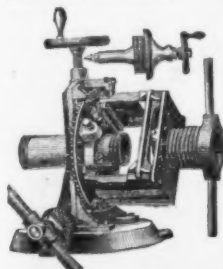
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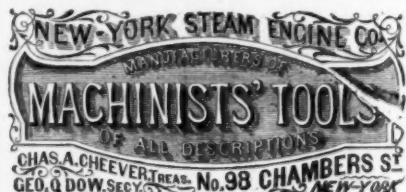
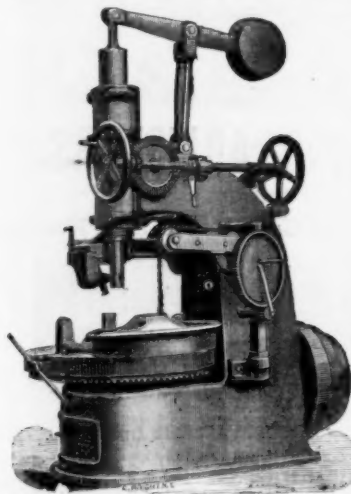
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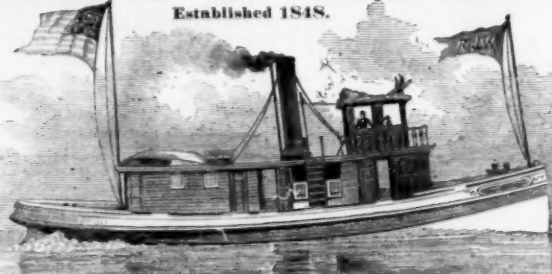
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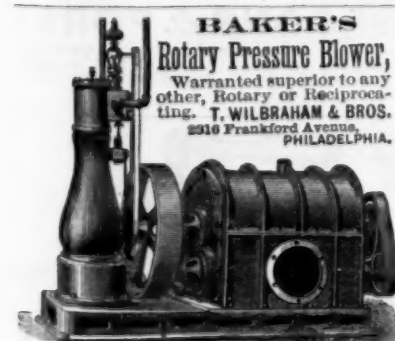
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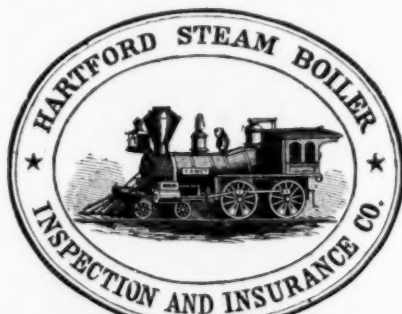
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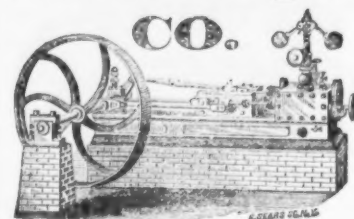
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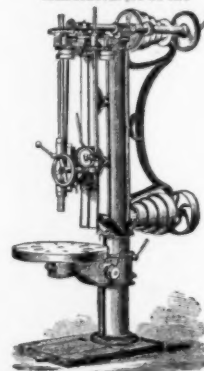
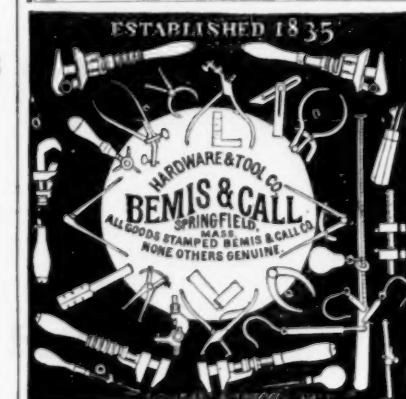
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